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England pay a bitter penalty

# Euro-sceptics give Major a final chance

**ANTHONY BEVINS** 

Tory Euro-sceptics have called off the dogs of war to give John Major a free run through to the election, giving a much-needed fillip to the Prime Minister.

That election is expected to be held next May, when the impact of tax cuts and improved economic prospects will have sunk in, according to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in an exclusive interview with the Independent today.

One leading sceptic said last night that private doubt remained just as strong - but they had decided to maintain a public face of unity through to the election. The MP, one of the "Westminster Eight", the MPs who were stripped of the party whip after voting against the Government in November 1994, said they had agreed to back away from further confrontation because that could only help Labour and Tony Blair would be far more pro-European than Mr Major.

One Cabinet minister wel-comed the decision, but he added: "The damage is already

Another Cabinet source said it had been left a little late in the day, but Mr Clarke says in his interview that the polls on economic competence were improving quite rapidly in the Government's favour.

MORI poll for the Times showing a three-point swing to the Tories since late May. The poll, setbacks for party unity. In taken between 21-24 June, showed an increase of four percentage points, to 31 per cent, in Conservative support, compared with May, while and on 11 June, the total num-Labour dropped two points to ber of rebels rose to 78 on Bill 52 per cent, and the Liberal Cash's Commons call for a ref-

Democrats were down three points to 12 per cent.

Mr Clarke said the impact of tax cuts had only come into play over the past two months, adding: "If you can maintain that for 12 months ..."
That would clearly indicate a

May election next year - and not the snap autumn election that has been predicted in some quarters. Mr Clarke said: "The policies have been set to contime the present improvement

### The constitution debate

John Major, Jack Straw and Paddy Ashdown set out. the party agendas page 6

in the economic situation for some years, which I hope means we will be [a] slightly more popular government than we have been at times."

The Prime Minister had told him he would remain Chancelfor through to the next election, and Mr Clarke added: "I was juite interested in what conditions might be like in late 1996 and early 1997, and I think it looks like a pretty good combination of circumstances coming up for late 1996 and early 1997.

The Euro-sceptic decision to back away from further cou-That view was bolstered by a frontation follows two recent attacked the deal - as votes on backbench Bills, which were portrayed as humiliating backed a call by Ian Duncan-Smith for curbs on the power of the European Court of Justice,

sceptics missing from the vote. One rebel said that with a total tally of about 90 sceptics - amounting to about half the Government's backbench strength in the Commons -they could bide their time Government's until after the next election.

The common view among right-wing Tory MPs is that the party will suffer badly at the next election, with one former Cabmet minister talking of a halving of the number of MPs, to about 160 MPs.

Mr Major has repeatedly warned, at every opportunity, of the need for an end to damaging splits. He told this month's Welsh Conservative Party conference that he had had a "bellyful" of party strife. The lependent's sources have said that the informal peace pact was agreed over the past week at a variety of meetings of groups, including the sceptics.

While the first sign of a backdown came last week with Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, talking of the need to "knuckle down" in the runup to the election, the most significant evidence of a change of atmosphere was delivered in the Commons on Monday, when Tory MPs united behind Mr Major's Commons statement on the Florence beef deal.

One former dissident said it was a matter of common sense that if half a dozen MPs had would have done in norma have "imploded". He said that April, 66 Tory backbenchers the Prime Minister's credibility would have been destroyed, and his claim of victory would have been exposed for what it was; an empty claim. Kenneth Clarke interview



page 16 | Broken dreams: Paul Gascoigne feels the pain of defeat Photograph: Darren Walsh/Action Images

crime correspondent of the Sunday

She reported Dublin's pivotal position in drug trafficking in Ireland which has

become a major problem for police and

social services and will be a major focus

when Ireland assumes the presidency of

Drug pushers have become so per-

vasive in some sections of the capital

and major cities that parents have

formed vigilante gangs to keep them away. Last month, a vigilante gang beat

a suspected pusher to death.

The ruthlessness of the attack and Ms
Guerin's high-level connections mean

the European Union next week.

Independent.

England's 30-year jinx against Germany continued last night when they were knocked out of the semi-finals of Euro 96 in a nerve-wracking re-run of the 1990 World Cup semi final.

It was a heroic effort from England, who were the better side over 90 minutes and thirty minutes of sudden-death extra time. But, just as they did in 1990, they lost in an agonising penalty shoot-out.

Both teams scored their first five penalties but Gareth Southgate, one of the stalwarts of the campaign, missed England's sixth. There were no recriminations, only thanks for a team that gave us more joy and hope than we dared expect.

It had been heart-stopping stuff. After 90 minutes - the first half dominated by the Germans, despite a third-minute England goal, the second half by England - the game went into extra time. With the new firstgoal-wins rule, England came close to winning when Darren Anderton struck a post. Then the Germans had a shot saved and a goal disallowed. Most frustrating of all, Paul Gascoigne, hero of millions of England fans, failed to tap in a winner.

The frenzy had been building up all day. As early as Ipm, fans decked in the flag of St George began gathering in Trafalgar Square in London, finding occasional respite from the sun by wading in the fountains.

Many employers joined in the Europhoria by allowing workers to finish work early, start late or take regular breaks in front of television sets. Carmakers Nissan allowed 1,350 nightshift workers at its Sunderland factory to start work an hour later than normal at 9.45 pm.

And, at German-owned Siemens electronics factory in Wallsend, German and English staff overcame the xenophobia whipped up in the tabloid media to hold a barbecue at their boss's home. "There was a good atmosphere of friendly rivalry, said a spokesman.

Roads out of London began clogging up mid-afternoon as fans took the opportunity to leave work early, eat early and get together with friends. With a London Underground strike due today, one personnel man-

people to work up a hangover and then say they can't get into work. I've got a feeling the weekend is starting early."

For those wanting to see the game at Wembley, tickets were like gold dust, with touts asking - and getting - £300 for £50 seats. One man who did not get to see the game at Wembley was Wolfgang Kiesteiner, 36, from Venlo on the Dutch-German border. He was arrested by pu-lice after being caught with 330 tickets he was offering on the black market for £200 each.

Those of us without a ticket had to be contented with watching the occasion on television. Early estimates pointed to a record football audience tuning in - that would mean more than the 25.21m who watched the July 1990 World Cup semi final between England and West Germany.

In comparison, the viewing figures for the Princess of Wales's Panorama interview



Before the game, Ladbrokes had England at 5-6 to win his hedged its bets with similar odds on Germany.

In all the excitement, there was one man who calmly put the event into perspective.

George Barlow, 39, of Wetherby, West Yorkshire, recently underwent a two hour operation to donate bone marrow to an anonymous German leukaemia victim.

Borders and nationalities don't count for a thing in a sit-uation like this," he said. "That's just football, this is se-Betting madness, page 18

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## First the gangsters beat her. Then they used guns to threaten her and wound her. Finally, they had to kill Veronica Guerin to stop her telling their story

ALAN MURDOCH

18.

Veronica Guerin was an Irish journalist who would let nothing get between her and her story. The drug dealers and terrorists she exposed here tried beating her into submission. Then they used guns - first to warn and then to wound her. She would not be cowed. So yesterday they killed her. Ms Guerin. 36, one of Ireland's best-

known journalists, was shot six times at close range by two gunmen on a motorcycle who ambushed her car at traffic lights in Clondalkin, a western suburb of Dublin. It was the second time in 18 months

she had been shot. The first attack took place in January last year at her north Dublin home when she was wounded in the leg. As in yesterday's shooting, the gunman wore a crash helmet. Three months before that, warning

shots were fired through her front window. Dublin's lowlife wanted her to stop publicising their business. Her response was to root deeper into their secrets and put them in print.

Last weekend Ms Guerin, crime cor-

respondent with the Sunday Independent, wrote a shocking account of the life of one of Dublin's most notorious heroin dealers: Tony Felloni, known to gardai and media as "King Scum". She told how he introduced his own daughter, now an Aids victim, to the drug, and also tried to poison his wife, Anne, whom he repeatedly and savagely battered. Felloni was jailed last week for 20 years.

In the same issue she also wrote extensively on the IRA's killing of a garda detective in Adare, Co Limerick, earlier this month. She reported that an abortive raid on a postal delivery truck had been sanctioned by the Dublin-based operations director of the IRA's southern command.

Mother to a five-year-old son, she had been warned by friends and colleagues that she would again be a target because



Veronica Guerin: Her murder was 'the ultimate attack on free speech'

of her unflinching and minutely detailed lieve the IRA would have shot her. It is coverage of the principal gang leaders widely believed the order to kill her was

Despite widespread knowledge of her dangerous work and previous threats to her life, her death yesterday stunned Ireland - all other news items were dropped from bulletins. The Dail paid tribute with a minute's silence. Irish government sources do not be-

outside Dublin. She was unfazed by the given by one of the dozen senior organised crime figures she had followed assiduously over the past five years.

An accountant by training, Ms Guerin entered journalism late, at the age of 30, after working in business and public relations. Nevertheless, last December she dom of speech". received an international press freedom

Rows, abuse and family breakdown are the major factors driving children, some as young as 12, out on the streets, according to a new report. Page 5

award from the Committee to Protect Large-scale reform of the sys-Journalists at a ceremony in New York. tem for appointing judges has Her research was minute. In coverbeen ruled out despite continuing evidence that women and ing frauds she went to South Africa and racial minorities are markedly Nigeria to pursue key figures in her stories. She wrote at first for the Sunday Business Post and was for a time based under-represented. Page 8 Amis memorabilia in the Independent's Dublin office. She

later moved to the Sunday Tribune and

Sir Kingsley Amis's library -more than 1,600 books, many RTE television, before becoming the covered with scribbles of criticism or praise – comes up for auction next month, together with his typewriter, desk and armchair.

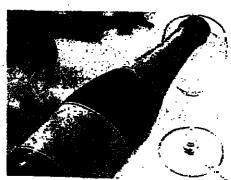
Suffer the children

No judicial reform

Beautiful obsession There is no peace for the ugly. They are less likely to find success, mates and bappiness, and are more likely to be blamed for mishaps and crimes, in a world more obsessed by beauty than the Greeks. Page 3

the killing will inevitably prompt a wholesale review of organised crime policing in the Irish capital. Ms Guerin appeared frequently on Irish television and radio debates and as a commentator on crime.  Her employer for the last three years. Tony O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers, had offered her 24-hour protection	Section 1   BUSINESS   .18-5   COMMENT   .15-   CROSSWORD   LAW REPORT   LEADER AND LETTERS   OBTUARIES     SPORT     .23-2   Section 2
after last year's shooting, which followed detailed reporting by her of the gang blamed for the largest cash robbery in the history of the Irish state six days earlier. A few months before she had been badly beaten when she went to question a suspected drugs wholesaler at his home outside Dublin. She was unfazed by the beating as she had been by previous	ARTS
death threats.  Aengus Faming, editor of the Sunday Independent, summed up widespread feeling yesterday when he described her murder as "the ultimate attack on free-	26





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### news

# Man confessed to killing Sophie



in a tent in the garden of her uncle's home, a court was told yesterday.

Hughes told his father: "I did it dad. I must tell somebody," Mr Gerald Elias QC, told a jury at Chester

Crown Court.

and murdered seven-year-old Sophie

Hook, who was snatched as she slept

Hughes made the confession to his father when he was in custody, on August 3, four days after the Saturday morning on which Sophie was abducted, raped, murdered and her body was dumped in the sea at Llandudno, the jury was told. In the past, Mr Hughes had boast-

ed to friends of his liking for young girls, Mr Elias said, and on the day before Sophie's murder had tried to

Jobless gardener Howard Hughes abduct another child of about the confessed to his father that he raped same age.

"He was bent on taking and using a young girl for his own sexual purposes. It was a fantasy of his which, horrifically, he was to bring

"He had boasted to a friend in the
past of his liking for girls of four or
five and his wish to abduct, sexually assault, and murder a young girl."
Hughes, 31, of Yerburgh Avenue,
Colwyn Bay, North Wales, denies

murdering Sophie, and two charges

of raping her, on 30 July last year. Mr Elias said Hughes had told his father: "On Saturday afternoon I went into the back garden. I went back at about two in the morning. I persuaded a girl to go with me

"Dad, I have been sexually frustrated since 1990. The girl started to scream and I put my hand over her mouth and kept it there until she stopped. I took all her clothes off and threw her body into the sea."

Mr Hughes allegedly went on to describe to his father where he hid Sophie's clothes, which were later found in a bush beside a lane along which Mr Hughes would have travelled on his way back from Llan-

Mr Elias said Sophie, who lived in Cheshire with her parents, two sisters and brother, was taken from the tent in the back garden of her un-cle's home in Llandudno as she slept there with her sister and a cousin after the "end of a perfect day" of fam-

and subjected to the most appallingly violent physical and sexual assaults. She was then manually strangled and her body thrown into the nearby sea," Mr Elias said.

The "depth of depravity" with which the crimes were committed "almost defies belief", he continued adding that she was probably dead when her body was dumped in the sea. "She was 4ft lin and weighed less in the face of an attack of this

savagery," Mr Elias said.
"Unhappily the assaults on her -both physical and sexual -- would have taken place when she was alive, although her state of con-sciousness can only be guessed at." The case continues today.

## SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Nearly 300 Royal Opera House backstage staff will be made redundant when its building in Covent Garden, central London, closes for redevelopment next year, it was revealed yesterday. Amounting its plans for the two seasons that the house will be closed after July 1997, the ROH said the Royal Opera would perform at a range of London veines including the Barbican Centre and the Royal Albert Hall, while the Royal Ballet will perform at the Royal Festival Hall and London Coliscum. The ballet company will also tour, both in Britain and internationally.

Jobs will be reduced from \$20 to 500, with staff being offered enhanced reducidancy pay and first consideration for new posts when the ROH reopens. Sir Jeremy Isaacs. general director, said: "I very much regret that the very different programme means we cannot keep all our staff with us during closure. David Lister

I last sizes in schools have risen as a result of finding cors which led to the loss of 9,000 as the poly last year, teaching unions said respectively. In fanuary this year 1.28 million primary school children were in classes of more than 30 2 rise of 120,000 on the previous year's ligure, according to figure published by the Department for Education and Employment. There was also a 17 per cent merciase of the number of children in classes of more than 35 to a total of 130,000. The average primary class size rose from 27.1 to 27.3 children. In secondary schools, there was an increase of 33,600 in the number of children in classes of secondary schools, there was an increase of 33,600 in the number of children in classes over 30, taking the the number of children in classes over 30, taking the average class size to 21.6 pupils. Fran Abrams

The liquidation of Excalinar Airways, whose aircraft has liquid recently been the subject of safety scares, was amoranced yesterday. Set up in 1992, the airline employed 180 staff and operated out of Gatwick, Manchester and East Midland airports. Earlier this month 91 passengers refused to house a DC10 in Orlando Elevida in the United refused to board a DC10 in Orlando, Florida, in the United States, after they saw smoke coming from the aircraft. Last weekend 350 passengers had refused to board the same plane in Orlando after a catalogue of problems ended with the pilot damning on the brakes as the jet reached top speed before take off. Liquidators Deloitte and Touche said there had been a "loss of customer confidence" after the sensitionalised media coverage of the two incidents.

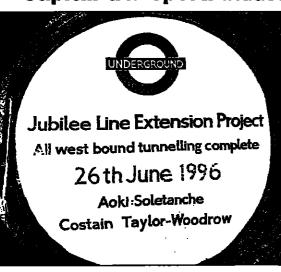
The number of patients compulsorily detained under the Mental Health Act has shown a speciacular rise, it was revealed yesterday by the Department of Health. In the five years to 1994/25m, the number formally admitted rese by 55 per cent to 27,100. The number of informal admissions to mental hospitals also rose dramatically, up 29 per centric 301,000. The figures reflected "the crisis in the mission health services". Dr David Roy, a consultant fisching and spokesman for the NIS Trust Federation, and demonstrating the higher level of disturbance and extreme pressure on acute mental illness wards. Mind, the late if being officients to people in mental distress" with carries his his being caused by underfunding of conjunity care securics. Aicholas Timmins

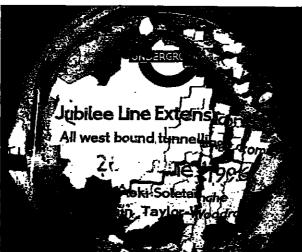
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rie Citien inquiry into the Dimbiane massacre was restorday read a statement in which it was alleged that a Lycar old boy lay "bosen with fear" during a sex attack at in hands of Thomas Flamilton, who killed 16 children and one-teacher at the primary school last March. The described a sexual assault during a boys' club boating holiday on Lock Lemond in the Eighties. Crown counsel told the inquiry in Stirling that the person was unwilling to be identified and some "peripheral" matters in his statement could not be corroborated.

The Prince and Princess of Wales's final a statement by the Prince Minister to MPs, it was signalled yesterday by Prime Minister to MPs. It was signalled yesterday by Downing Street. John Major met the Princess of Wales on Montay to discuss her proposals for a role as an ambassador for Britain. Foreign Office sources one opposed to her being given any diplomatic role. It was inclear last night when the settlement would be escaped by Major will have to clarify the Princess's constitutional position. Cohin Brown

### Capital transport: Industrial relations look backwards but new line puts future on track







## Strike will bring Tube to a halt

**BARRIE CLEMENT** Labour Editor

The Tube network in London be enhanced through local newill be at a virtual standstill to- gotiation. Mr Abberley said day as drivers walk out on a 24- that Unison members felt "anhour stoppage, just as a landmark reached in the boring for the Jubilee Line extension yesterday means there is now a continuous tunnel between of a 6.5 per cent pay claim, em-Green Park in the west and Canning Town in the east.

with a second national post of State for Health, and the strike which begins at noon. To NHS executive to intervene. leaders of 900,000 nurses and other health workers yesterday threatened industrial action and warned that the National Health Service pay system was in dan-

could be taking action over working conditions. But at the Royal Mail hopes of a settlement rose. Contrary to expectation the postal executive of the Communication Workers' Union refrained from naming further dates for strikes following today's action. A letter from management led to hopes that the Post Office would not be dogmatic in its pursuit of "team-working" - the issue at the centre of the dispute.

In the NHS, the public service union Unison yesterday warned that its branches would be given authority to hold strike ballots after 31 July unless management made pay offers. Bob Abberley, head of health at Unison, said that only 150 out of 680 employers in the NHS had agreed to top up the national wage deal of 2 per cent.

Unions lead by Unison last year agreed to a system wheregry and betrayed" that so few employers had honoured the

He said that so far, in spite ployers had refused to make any substantial additions, and called The Tube action coincides on Stephen Dorrell, Secretary

for up to 0.7per cent. A further 60 per cent gave up to 1.25 per cent locally and just 5 per cent offered top ups of 1.25 per cent The Tube management was warned that a second union could be taking actions. or more, but many involved pro-

Mr Abberley said there were a number of reasons for the delay in local agreements. In many cases the "health-purchasing" authorities had not agreed budgets with employers and a number of organisations were simply incapable of ne-

gotiating pay.

The Unison official pointed out that the NHS pay review body early this year calculated that a rise of 3.9 per cent had already been built into budgets. He pointed that under last year's agreement negotiations were due to begin in September to uprate national pay next year on the basis of local set-tlements this year. He argued that there would be few such settlements on which to base the

calculations At London Underground the tends to bring its London Un-Rail, Maritime and Transport derground members out for



Jubilee Line link between Green Park and Canning Town in east London is completed

workers' union announced that it was to ballot all 6,000 Tube members on a series of one-day strikes in pursuit of a claim for

shorter working hours. Jimmy Knapp, general sec-retary of the RMT, said it was seeking an extra five days hol-iday for its members and that it would co-ordinate action with Aslef, the train drivers' union. After today's stoppage Aslef in-

24-hour strikes next Wednesday and on 8 and 16 July.

Management at London Underground yesterday said they were disappointed with an offer to convene talks under the industry's wages board - the next level of negotiation. The drivers' union said that its executive would be unable to discuss the matter until tomorrow.

Meanwhile, a specially constructed cover was broken by a giant 150ton tunnel-boring machine yesterday to mark the breakthrough of the tunnelling for the Jubilee Line extension. Only one out of the four tunnelboring machines has not yet completed its task and it is ex-

pected to reach Canada Water in Docklands by the end of Angust. The £2bn project for the 10mile line from Green Park to Stratford in east London is over-budget, but yesterday will come from developers who hugh Doherty, the project director, said it was on schedule will come from developers who benefit from the new line. Work eventually started in 1993.

for opening at the end of March

The extension will provide relief for the overstretched Docklands Light Railway which is the only line currently to serve Docklands. The start of the project was delayed for over a year while private-sector funding was sought and eventually about £150m of the total cost

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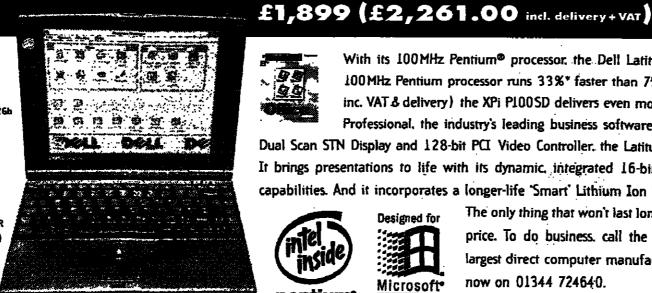
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# Buyers wise to shop around as CD prices hit new high

DAVID LISTER Arts News Editor

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Compact disc prices for rock and pop albums are creeping up again, with music buyers being charged radically different prices at neighbouring high

The variations in price can be dramatic. A copy of Abbey Road by the Beatles sells at £15.99 in Smiths and Woolworths and at £10.99 in Our Price. Bruce Springsteen's Born in the USA sells for £15.49 in Tower Records, £14.99 in WH Smith, £11.99 in Woolworths, and £10.99 in HMV.

Even current chart albums, usually more consistently priced than back catalogue albums, show variations. Gabrielle's new album entitled Gabrielle sells for £11.99 in WH Smith and £13.99 in Our Price.

A survey of all the major music stores by Music Week mag-azine, the trade journal of the music industry, shows that the these days. The strength of albums. Interviews in several

current average price for a CD chart artist album is £13.33, a rise of £1.22 in just over a year. The price of back catalogue alburns has also risen across the board with a current average of £13.85. Current dealer prices (the price the retailer has to pay the record company) are £8.60 per album.

Retailers told Music Week they were confident that customers are quite prepared to pay more than £12.99 for an al-

Consequently, £12.99 is the most common price, but there has been a sharp rise in albums priced £13.99. The £9.99 price, which used to be the boast of stores such as Woolworths and WH Smith, has all but disap-

HMV's head of rock and pop, Jonathan Rees, said: "People don't have a problem paying £13.99 for a new George Michael, Everything But The Girl or Def Leppard album

Pounds apart: Why comparing costs is worthwhile



product softens the blow of

shows consumers might be pre-

pared to pay even more for their

In fact, separate research

the price increases."



WH Smith £12.99; Woolworth

London, said: "We certainly

haven't had any adverse com-

ments from customers about



motion by record company); Woolworth £13.49; Tower £12.99; HMV £10.99; Virgin £13.49; Our Price £13.99.

Steve Lyttelton, manager of Tower Records in Piccadilly, about are back catalogue prices

that have been out for 25 years."

fluctuation than albums across the stores. They range from 99p to £4.99. Cassette singles are more stable at an average price of £2.29, while vinyl, where it is stocked, ranges from 99p for a seven-inch single to £4.99 for a

The prices of classical CDs (not included in the Music Week survey) have not risen in line with rock and pop albums: £14.99 is the average high street price for new releases, a price that has not changed for two

But the classical market is even more complex than the pop market because of the large number of high quality cheap discs on offer. While new releases are £14.99, most recordings from the Sixties and Seventies are "mid price", re-tailing at around £9.99.

The real challenge to the market, however, has come where people resent paying £14.99 and £15.49 for albums from the budget price labels. Naxos has literally hundreds of as good as albums retailing at albums retailing at £4.99. While nearly three times the price." Singles show even greater

aficionados initially scorned the concept of budget price classical music, it is now recognised that many of these recordings - particularly of early music. choral and chamber music, are of an extremely high quality and have been praised in Gramophone magazine.

Naxos recently scooped all its rivals in releasing the première recording of Malcolm Arnold's ninth symphony.
The classical market remains

keen on new marketing ploys as it was in the Nigel Kennedy days of the late Eighties. Nim-bus has a £5.99 CD selling at HMV called Three Legendary Tenors. Taking advantage of The Three Tenors appearance in Britain, it features three illustrious tenors of old: Gigli.

Caruso and Bjorling.
Tony Shaw, classical buyer for HMV, said: "It is now the case that in many areas these very cheap recordings are every bit

# Is it really such a sin to be ugly?

old music that irks CD buyers. paying £12.99 for an album. The

cities carried out by the North

Glasgow College showed that

consumers were prepared to spend up to £15.63 on CDs.

It is spending large sums on

Tory MP George Gardiner has asked his party not to drop him because of his looks. But do they matter? Rebecca Fowler reports

the ugly. They are less likely to find success, mates and happiness, and are more likely to be blamed for mishaps and crimes, in a world that has become more obsessed by beauty than the Greeks.

The latest casualty is Sir George Gardiner, the right wing MP and certainly no Adonis. This week he beseeched his constituents not to drop him on the basis of his hangdog appearance, which has been compared to a rainsoaked Dracula.

Following hostile comments from local party members, and an alleged plot to oust him at a meeting this weekend, he wrote to the handsome people of Reigate: "I'm sorry about my physical appearance...but I was just born ugly." His candid appeal confirms

findings that beauty is more important than ever, and ugliness remains the sin that dares toshow its face. According to a former clerk at the House of Commons, politicians are particularly prone to the af-

Philip Hensher was sacked from his position when he sug-gested that MPs are unusually ugly. He singled out David Mellor, doubled-chinned and gap-toothed; John Gummer, who has been compared to a toad; and Michael Portillo of whom he said: "His torso goes down to his knees and he has

these little legs."
Although the MPs bave achieved office in spite of their looks, the least dashing are unlikely to ever reach the top of their field. When a Labour colleague of Robin Cook was asked why he would never make Prime Minister, he said: "Because plastic surgery has yet to advance that far."

It was on the surface an unkind observation, but according to psychologists it is also true. The 'physically challenged' are less likely to be trusted, and more likely to be blamed when things go wrong, as the instinct to equate beauty with good and ugliness with bad endures.

Despite the rise of political correctness, and the endurance of beloved uglies who prove beauty is from within including Quasimodo in the Hunchback of Notre Dame, making a come- back in Disney's latest film, Oscar Wilde's observation holds strong: "It is better to be beautiful than to be good. But...it is better to be good than to be ugly."

badly for the uglies. In North America a survey showed that unattractive children were more likely to be blamed for misdemeanours; good looking criminals got shorter sentences than ugly criminals; and in an experiment at Sussex University babies held their gaze on the images of the best-looking

Dr Martin Skinner, a social psychologist at Warwick University, said: "It is more important than ever, and we are following the fad in American politics, where you would never see a bad looking politician on television. There is still this correlation between good looks and what is nice."



'It is better to be beautiful than to be good. But ... it is better to be good than to be ugly.'

Oscar Wilde

He added: "We simply do not respond to ugly things. Good fresh fruit is symmetrical and attractive, and it looks nice, compared to uneven damaged or rotten fruit. For people that clearly isn't the case, but that connection is still made."

The hostility to ugliness in America has driven one woman pioneer to set up a group for the 'appearance-impaired.' Their national crusade promotes stories for children that include short, bald princes, and their favourite slogan is: "Cinderella got stretch marks, Snow White wrinkled, and Rapunzel

From the beginning of time the pursuit of beauty has been a human preoccupation, re-

All recent research bodes fined to mathematical precision by Plato. He argued all beautiful things could be divided into thirds, with the brow one third of the way from the hair line.

But it remains one of the great contradictions of ugliness that it has been the driving force for a number of prominent individuals, eager to compensate for their unsympathetic appearances with status: "Power is the great aphrodisiac," conchuded Henry Kissinger, former US Secretary of State and no oil

Although some men have been tortured by their physical appearance, including Charles ughton, who played Quasimodo, others have flouted it. Despite his pasty, balding, short, fat, coarse appearance Napoleon's aides claimed he would drive women into fits of excitement But scientists agree that

women in the Western world have the roughest deal of all. Men have made up for physical deficits with power, including Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber. one of the richest men in Britain, and Andrew Neil, for mer editor of the Sunday Times, often seen in the company of beautiful women.

Instead successful women remain preoccupied with anxi-eties about their physical appearances. Zoe Wanamaker, the actress, confessed recently:
"If I were out of work, I'd be saving my dole money and booking my appointment with Harley Street for massive lipo-suction. Collagen injections for my lips would be pretty high on the list too."

Professor Steve Jones, a geneticist at University College London, has conducted research that shows that symmetrical faces are the most attractive, and men, whether they are road sweeps, soldiers or bankers, will inevitably be drawn to the same kind of female faces.

Professor Jones said: There's a very strong consis-tency, and whichever men are choosing they always end up with the same bimbo, it's 21 with broad hips, and in biological terms it does the job.

"Whatever anyone tells you about beauty being in the eye of the beholder, it aint." So Sir George should perhaps at least be grateful that he is not a woman. Meanwhile Ladv

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Facing the ugly truth? Charles Laughton (Ronald Grant Archive) with the unfortunate George Gardiner (inset). From top right: the double-chinned David Mellor, Andrew Nell, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Zoe Wanamaker, who would happily invest in liposuction and collagen implants



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## Greenpeace lose round one in battle of sand eels

Greenpeace found itself outnumbered and on the run vesterday, as it continued trying to stop a fleet of Danish trawlers catching thousands of tonnes of sand eels off the Scottish coast.

But the environmental group said it had no intention of withdrawing its ship Sirius from the Wee Bankie near Dundee, where it has been engaged in four days of running battles with the boats of the industrial fish-

Greenpeace is trying to prevent 24 Danish vessels setting and towing their fine-meshed nets along the bank, which is at the entrance of the Firth of Forth. The furious fishermen have fired distress flares at its high speed inflatables, attempted to slash them and chased the Sirius, which can

move just faster than them.
"We don't want them catching us," said one of the crew by satellite telephone. "How would you like to be boarded and punched?" A Royal Navy fisheries protection vessel, HMS Shedand, has been observing the latest clashes but has not in-

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The campaigners are demanding an end to the unregulated industrial fishing of the tiny sandeels and other small fish, claiming that this threatens the food supplies of larger fish like cod, seabirds, whales and dolphins and the North Sea's ecological balance.

They have chosen the Wee

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Attempt to drive off Danish fleet is failure, writes **Nicholas Schoon** 

Bankie because it has only been heavily fished for sand eels recently and is heavily used by large seabird colonies nesting on the nearby coast.

The UK Government has been calling for regulation and quotas in this fishery, which only a few British trawlers are involved in. Greenpeace campaigner Chris Rose said he was disappointed that ministers showed no inclination to take any prompt action against the Danish fleet.

The group has obtained an opinion from barristers spe-cialising in environmental law which says the Government could close fishing grounds on the Wee Bankie

Denmark is Europe's biggest practitioner of industrial fishing. Its big trawlers use large, very fine nets and advanced computer equipment to catch the bottom-dwelling fish which are processed into meal and oil. Half the weight of fish caught from the North Sea fall into this category. Danish fishermen's leaders have accused Greenpeace of putting lives at risk with their obstruction tactics. Another Greenpeace vessel, Arctic Sunrise, has arrived in the



Sailing into action...and back again: Greenpeace boat Sirius was forced to beat a retreat by the fleet of Danish trawlers

## Privacy alarm over NHS computer link

LIZ HUNT

Confidentiality - a cornerstone of the doctor-patient relationship - is threatened by government plans to create an NHS-wide computer network linking every GP's surgery, hospital and health authority, doctors warned yesterday.

Doctor Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association's council, said that unless urgent action was taken to "de-identify" patient details "there is no doubt that down the line, government agencies will have access to information they should not."

The data would also be invaluable to banks, mortgage and insurance companies, employers as well as the Inland Revenue, security and immigration agencies, according to

**Lost Wisdom** 

A cry above the unborn roofs

Å faint odour of vegetable matte

And hanging from the water's eyes

Disturbance in the weather makes me see

Fringing the violet lids of night

The simulacrum of the damned

The little angels without wings

The brittle needles in the sand

From every abandoned mouth

The graves were opened once And gold was melied by snow Like lilies sown in sifted stone

An unstanched stream must flow

The ropy veins of polypi And all the seamless seams

And now and then

And then as now

By David Gascoyne

In the first morning

Of solitude and pain

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Ethics Committee. She said the health service was poised to go down the same "slippery slope" as the United States, where there have been major breaches of confidentiality.

"It will blow the confidential relationship, between doctor and patient," Dr Fisher told the third day of the BMA's annual

meeting in Brighton yesterday. In one case in the US, a bank manager who was also a board member of a Health Maintenance Organisation (equivalent of a health authority or large health centre), obtained details of the medical history of some of his clients at the bank from the HMO's database. He then foreclosed on loans those who

had been treated for cancer. In another case, a woman who was standing for election to the Senate was devastated af-

Dr Fleur Fisher, head of the ter someone leaked details from her medical records of a suicide attempt. "This woman had not even told her family," Dr Fisher said. "She was in fact elected and is now suing the hospital for \$10m."

The BMA council is advising doctors, hospital trusts, and health authorities, to "just say no" to linking up to the network until confidentiality can be guaranteed via security measures such as encryption. These are now being reviewed by the Department of Health which has, until recently, proved re-sistant to the BMA's concerns.

Representatives of the 110,000-strong BMA membership endorsed the council's advice by a large majority, and now the association intends to mount a campaign to make patients aware of the risks and persuade health ministers to act.

At present, thousands of inservice hold the medical records of millions of people. But an NHS-wide network - still at an embryonic stage - will be essential to the working of the internal market for billing and other administrative purposes.

Computer-held medical records - with names and addresses removed, which the Government says is sufficient to "de-identify" them - have already been sent to data processing companies by some hospitals. However, dates of birth and postcodes have been retained and this means the information can be traced back, Dr Fisher said. "The good news is that there are mechanisms [to protect confidentiality] and they are not overwhelmingly expensive. What we lack is the political will to do this." ■ The Government's an-

nouncement earlier this week of legislation to deny benefits to asylum seekers was condemned by doctors at the meeting yesthe Lords on Monday.

## Fatties, sought for a special pension

NIC CICUTTI

Throw away the bathroom scales and tuck into huge bags of chips and six pints of beer a night instead - you could be in for a bigger pension when you

That was the message to Britain's fatties yesterday by one insurance company, which is offering special rates to those who are obese, diabetic and have high blood pressure or raised cholesterol levels.

The deal, by Stalwart Assurance, would give a person with a mixture of these conditions an increase in their annual retirement pay of up to 10 per cent.

For a 60-year-old man with a retirement pot of £50,000, the pension payout would be £5,661 a year, giving an extra income of about £8 a week compared to Stalwart's nearest competi-

tor.

The snag is that the only reason why the company is prepared to pay more to those with weight-related problems is because they are likely to die sooner than their fit counter-Stalwart's new pension for

the overweight follows hard on the heels of a similar one it launched for smokers last year, in which they too were offered an uplift in their payouts if they were confirmed addicts of the demon weed. Since the smokers' scheme

was rolled out in September, the Dorking-based company has recorded a four-fold increase in new business.

Mike Fuller, managing director at Stalwart, said he expected substantial growth in the wake of its new initiative.

Mr Fuller rejected suggestions that offering a pension to obese people might remove the incentive to get fitter and cncourage them to remain as they

In most instances, applicants were overweight for genuine medical reasons, he said, and were unlikely to become slimmer whatever the potential health benefits.

"We are simply reversing the principle that people with lifestyles that may reduce their life expectancy have to pay higher premiums for life assur-"There is no reason why this same group of people should

not have this taken into account when they buy their pension.

"If, on average, they are likely to have a slightly shorter life expectancy, it follows they should receive a higher pension each year to compensate."

To qualify for this increased annuity, or annual retirement income, applicants must be at least 25 per cent over the average weight for their height and have other predisposing conditions which could shorten their

Typically, a woman who is 5ft 4ins tall would be expected to carry about 35lbs more than the 10 stone usually cited as being at the upper limit of "normal" weight. A 6ft man would have to weigh about 45lbs more than a normal 13 stone.

Further joys are in sight for \* the terminally unfit.

Within the next few months, Stalwart is planning to combine its two schemes, so that overweight cigarette smokers gain from a doubled up-rating of their pensions.

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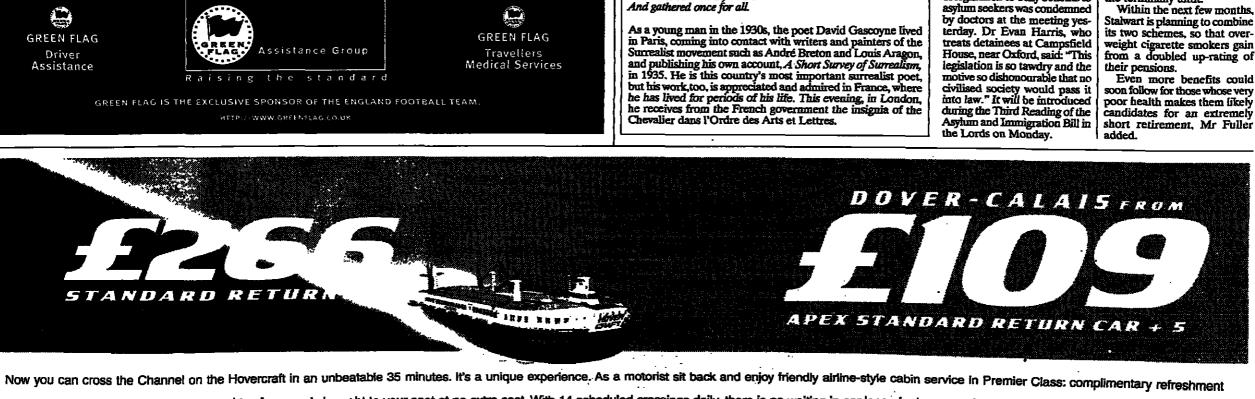
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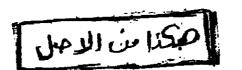
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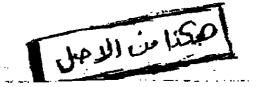
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## Young flee abuse for life on streets

### **GLENDA COOPER**

Rows, abuse and family breakdown are the major factors driving children, some as young as 12, on to the streets, according to a new report published today.

One in two runaways surveyed for the report by the char-ities Centrepoint and NSPCC said they ran away because of family fights and violence in the home, and one in five said physical abuse had contributed

But the four refuges around the country that care for under-16s are under threat unless central and local government co-operate with charities over funding, the chief executive of Centrepoint warned. The study, monitored 200

young people aged 12 to 16 who used the Centrepoint Refuge in London between November 1993 and March 1995. Most young runaways had experienced unsettled and dis-

care. Nearly six out of ten were girls and nearly a quarter were from ethnic minorities. While those who fled from the parental home tended to do so because of conflicts and arguments, bullying and inappropriate placements drove young people in care to abscond. Twice as many young people had run away from children's

homes as from foster care.

Roger Thompson, the NSPCC's director of children's services, said: "We are seeing desperate children and young people running away from environments of chronic conflict abuse or bullying. But by run-ning away these vulnerable chil-dren are placing themselves at great risk of further harm. It is often a case of 'out of the fry-

ing pan, into the fire'."
Nearly a quarter of under-16s interviewed slept rough while on the run. Many bad experienced threats and violence when on the streets and some had be-

come involved in petty crime or ers most of the young people felt that these risks were preferable to remaining at home.

"Centrepoint sees over 2,000 homeless young people every year," said Victor Adebowale, the charity's chief executive. "Four in ten of those young

people on our streets today ran away from home or care before they were 16. There are hundreds of very young people out there every day with no one to turn to for help and support. I believe unless there is a seachange in the way we listen to young people and respond to them with the right support we are almost condemning them to a life on the street." He called on the Government

to take a more active role in □ Nowhere To Hide - Giving Young Runaways a Voice is available from Centrepoint, Bewlay House, 2 Swallow Place, Lon-



er evil: Many young runaways surveyed said they would rather risk life on the streets than return home or go back into care Photograph: Edward Sykes

## Divide narrowing as the South gets (a little) poorer

### NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

The UK is slowly becoming more homogeneous, while still retaining distinctive regional quirks, according to the latest

edition of Regional Trends. The narrowing of the North/South divide, which began with the 1990 recession conlinued in 1994, the report shows. Disposable income per head fell in the South-East and in Greater London after a small recovery in 1993, while it continued to rise in Scotland. Northern Ireland, the North, Yorkshire and Humberside and the East Midlands, which overtook the West Midlands as the region which makes the largest share of its living from manufacturing.

Longer-term trends also suggest that regional divides are 1970s, the birth rate has become as has infant mortality, which

land. Most regions are now much closer to the UK average, with the exception of the South-East where infant mortality remains lowest.

Since the mid-1980s household size across the regions has become more equal as has the proportion of owner-occupiers. The biggest difference has been seen in Scotland. In 1981, only 36 per cent of Scots were owner-occupiers with over half living in council or new-town housing But by 1994, the figures had turned round. Fifty-seven per cent of Scots were owneroccupiers, as opposed to about two-thirds for the UK as a

Although Scotland still has the highest proportion of council housing, at 33 per cent, the difference between it and the rest of the UK was much small-

The proportion of 16-yearolds staying in education has

used to be higher in the North, also narrowed between the re-Scotland and Northern Ire-gions, as has the ownership of gions, as has the ownership of household goods, including central heating.

Explaining such changes is highly complex, Alison Holding, Regional Trends associate editor said yesterday. "But the policy pursued by both central government and the private sector of relocating out of London may have something to do with it. That, in turn, has probably been made possible by better communications" - mainly better telecommunications, which included the fax revolution. networked computers, video links and mobile phones, as well as improved transport.

Regional Trends, however, shows much diversity remains. In the North, for example, more than three in 10 men drank more than the recommended sensible level - the highest for any region. In the men now smoke - the only recil tenants in Yorkshire and Humberside enjoy the lowest rents and the region has highest proportion of microwaves and washing machines in the country.

Women in the East Midlands in full-time work do the longest hours for the lowest pay. But people in the region were the most likely to take a holiday in 1995. At 60 per cent, the region also recorded the highest proportion of new cars registered as company cars. In East Anglia, fewer women

smoked than in any other region, but one in seven drank more than the recommended amount, a figure beaten only in Yorkshire and Humberside. Scotland continued to have a better record of exam passes at 16 than the rest of Britain. Northern Ireland was the only region in 1995 to see a sharp increase in house prices. Regional Trends 31, 1996. HMSO £35.95

## The Buddha, cold air and the birch

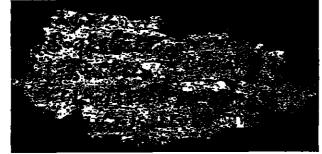
### **ANDREW BROWN** Religious Affairs Correspondent

Fragments of Buddhist manuscripts written on birch-bark 1800 years ago in what is now Afghanistan may contain previ-ously unknown Buddhist texts, according to the British Museum.

Graham Shaw, the deputy director of the Library's Oriental and India Office Collections, said the fragments are several centuries older than previously known Buddhist manuscripts.

They were bought for an undisclosed amount from a British dealer, and contain parts of about 25 texts from the Gandhari Buddhist civilisation which flourished in what is now eastern Afghanistan, using a script which disappeared in the fifth century AD.

Though Gautama Buddha died in 486BC, after founding a religion which is still one of the world's most important, none of his teachings were written down for at least 300 years



The problem for later schol-ars is that Buddhism, though tri-umphant in northern India by the third century BC, later vanished from there, under the twin pressures of a Hindu renaissance and Muslim hostility.

Though it is believed that many Buddhist texts are early, the manuscripts that have survived are almost all translations into the languages of neigh-bouring countries where Buddhism still flourishes.

head of Buddhist studies at

Manchester University, said yesterday that oral transmis within monasteries could be more a more reliable way to preserve a text than copying manuscripts, a notoriously

error-prone process.

Mr Shaw said that the manuscripts he had bought had formed part of a much larger collection. Not all had been identified: "We don't have any one complete text, but it looks as if we have samples from a

Lance Cousins, a former range of Buddhist scriptures. ead of Buddhist studies at "We have already identified

some technical treatises and philosophical expositions. We also have some more popular interpretations of Buddhist teachings in poetical form, that were meant for a mass audience - the 'songs of Lake Anavatapta' on the shores of the lake in high Himalayas, in which each member of the Buddha's circle recounts the deeds in former lives which have made him the man he is."

However, he believed that some of the texts not yet identified might contain entirely new stories or teachings. Previous to this find, most of the oldest Buddhist manuscripts were Chinese, Tibetan, or Nepalese.

Himalayan monasteries, which had the advantage of cold, dry air could preserve manuscripts for centuries. Older Buddhist engravings had also appeared in central Asia.

Southern Buddhism, with a hotter, damper climate, and palm leaves instead of birchbark to write on has no manuscripts older than the ninth



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# Blair keeps secret weapon under wraps

Reports by Anthony Bevins

Labour is today expected to cap its plans to stage referendums on Scottish and Welsh devolution - exclusively revealed in was strong speculation at West-yesterday's Independent - with minster that Mr Blair was a fresh bombshell.

Leadership sources said last standing question about the night the new initiative would role of Scottish MPs at Westcause as big a shock on the po- minster - once they have their litical Richter Scale as Tony Blair's announcement in 1994 that Clause Four of the party's that one of the "intractable

While the substance of the devolution plans related to announcement was being kept what is called the West Lothia closely-guarded secret, there determined to answer the long-

own Parliament in Edinburgh. John Major said last night

an question.

"Simply put, why should Scottish and Welsh MPs be said last night that the dependent caused uproar able to vote on English matters, but English MPs be unable to vote on Scottish and Welsh matters? Would devolution mean a cut in the number of Scottish and Welsh MPs at Westminster? If not, why not?"

George Robertson, today would "shoot the Tory fox" - defusing that critical question for good. Whether that happens remains to be seen, but yesterday's referendum revelation in the In-

announcement to be made by inside and outside the Labour Labour's Scottish spokesman, ranks. Labour backbenchers said they had not been consulted over the sudden move and some feared it backtracked on previous commitments to set up the new assemblies come

Dennis Canavan, Labour MP for Falkirk West, told BBC Radio 4's The World at One that he suspected a "shifting away" from those commitments.

"I take the view that there is no need for a referendum because the Labour Party will include in its manifesto a commitment to set up a Scottish Parliament and if we win the general election, then we shall have a clear mandate from the now a shambles. They are maknot be used.

tish Parliament as soon as pos-

Michael Forsyth, Secretary of State for Scotland, said: 'Amid the chaos of Labour's ducking amongst themselves, putting parand weaving on devolution. one clear fact has emerged about Tony Blair's commitment to Scotland. His message to Scottish Labour is: Retreat.

people to legislate for that Scoting it up as they go along - con stantly backtracking. Tony Blair has been forced to take the wheel. We are fighting for Scotland while they are fighting ty interest before their country."

He said Labour's London spin-doctors had gone behind Mr Robertson, briefing the media that powers to raise a special tax in Scotland would

## PM reflects on Tories' 17 years of evolution

The Tories were not against constitutional change, but they wanted evolution, not revolution. John Major said last night.

He told a meeting of the right-wing Centre for Policy Studies, in London, that some of the Labour and Liberal Democrat proposals for change were not only pointless, but solution he favoured; not damaging and irreversible.

To illustrate his own ability to adapt, the Prime Minister said that the past 17 years had seen the introduction of a new departmental system of parlia- constitution is not a piece of mentary select committees, new procedures to scrutinise European legislation, reform of the Commons working day, and a there. It's a living, breathing new Budget process that constitution. Its roots are brought together tax and spend-

Mr Major then floated a ten- popular support. tative new proposal for change: ing the parliamentary year in could match it in the affections

May, not November. That could ease the logiam of the autumn and winter, when legislative second reading procedures were currently clashing untarnished. with the Budget. It could also be linked with a "more structured planning of the legislative programme" under which the Queen's Speech could include not only the firm legislation for the year ahead, but also "provisional plans" for the year af-

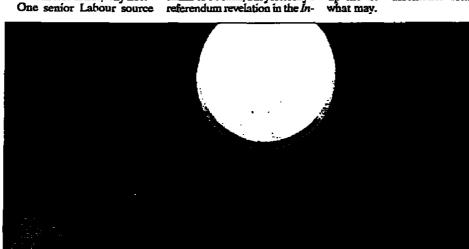
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Providing greater time for consideration and scrutiny should mean better Bills and improved statute. Mr Major said that was the kind of prac-

change for change's sake. The British constitution is vibrant and robust. But it is not indestructible," he warned. "People must realise that our architecture that one can reengineer by knocking down a wall here or adding an extension ancient, but it has evolved. And it has been stable because it has

Using the monarchy as an ex-'I would like to examine start- ample, he said no alternative of the British people; it bound the people together and it parliamentary business over ensured that the rough and tumble of political debate left the head of state untouched and

Mr Major said it was not right to suggest, as critics did, that the Conservatives had centralised power. They had curbed local government spending and created a national curriculum, but they had also devolved power to hospital trusts, and school governing bodies.



## Killing off separatism

Public alienation and cynicism have been bred by the huge shift of power to the centre under the Conservatives, shadow Home Secretary Jack Straw said last

He told a Westminster meeting of Charter 88, the constitutional pressure group, that the Prime Minister's presentation of himself as the guardian of the British constitution was laugh-

"For he and his predecessor have together presided over the greatest constitutional changes this country has seen for many

"But it has been change which has been surreptitious, illthought through, and lacking in

"There has, however, been one consistent element in all that has been done - power. Power, not to the public, but to Ministers, to Whitehall, and to the Conservative Party. Year by year, control over government in its widest sense has been centralised in the hands of Minis-

Mr Straw said that Mr Major's position was less credible today because "in their better days" the Conservatives had supported most of the proposals Labour was

now making for improvement. Such measures included devolution for Scotland, a Welsh as-

for England, reform of the House of Lords and a Bill of Rights that would eventually lead to a British Bill, containing clear, statutory declarations of the citizen's rights and respon-

sibilities. Labour's programme of remedial reform also included a Preedom of Information Act and the creation of a statutory code of conduct for Ministers and civ-

il servants. "If our constitution and the Union is to survive," Mr Straw warned, "it must adapt to new challenges. We would not advocate devolution if we thought it would place the Union in ieunardy. Our plans are designed to strengthen the Union, and will sembly, elected regional councils kill separatism stone dead."

## Pliability is its strength

The Prime Minister's hysterical scaremongering over constitutional change showed a lack of understanding of British history, Paddy Ashdown said yester-

The truth is that the Conservatives in Westminster would rather die than share power with anyone else - and probably will," the Liberal Democrat leader told a lunchtime meeting held by the Association of British Editors in the Lords.

But he insisted: "Britain's constitution is not, and never has been, some inviolable museum piece... which it is our duty to preserve, untouched and unaltered, exactly as we inherited it.

"John Major talks about the constitution in the same way that ated by Tory governments since 1979, by giving local communi-

he talks, dewy-eyed, about warm beer and old maids cycling to Communion. But the world changes and so does our constitution. Our constitution is a dynamic, living thing – evolving developing, adapting to change.
"It has been altered in some

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300 years without revolution and why it has given us 300 years of stable government."

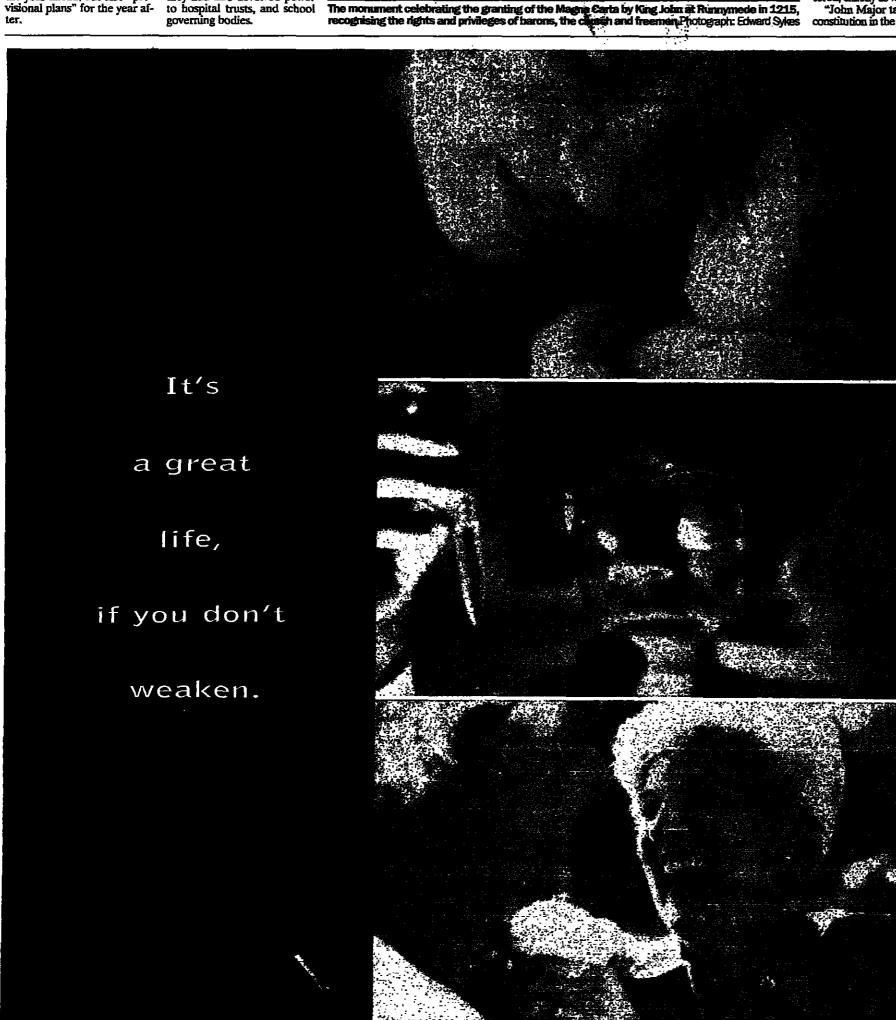
That meant not only holding referendums on major constitutional issues like voting reform and European integration, but also local plehiscites "on con-

tentious local issues". Mr Ashdown said that under the Tories, Britain had become "the most centralised state in the western world".

ties more power to take deci-

sions for themselves.

With reference to Scottish devolution, Mr Ashdown said the Prime Minister had only one card left to play in defence of his Mr Ashdown said a good concentration of power - fear start could be made on re- and he added: "He will play that dressing the balance of the in- card for all it is worth.



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Judicial appointments: Report questions Prime Minister's power of veto over senior decisions

# MPs opt to keep choice of judges a male preserve

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Large-scale reform of the system for appointing judges was ruled out yesterday by the Conserva-tive-dominated Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, despite continuing evidence that women and racial minorities are still markedly under-represented on the beach.

The effective vote of confidence in the status quo by the committee's Tory members comes as male appointments to all ranks of the judiciary stands at 2,804 compared to 312 women and just 75 people of non-white origin, predomi-nantly in the lower echelons.

While voicing some low-key criticisms and suggesting some limited changes, a report from the committee yesterday leaves senior appointments, particularly, in the continuing control of an overwhelmingly male, white and exclusively-educated

judicial Establishment. The report suggests that the Prime Minister should no longer have the power of veto over the appointment of senior judges. But even this is not worded as a firm recommendation. "We have some qualms about the role of the Prime Minister ... in particular we do not see how he or she might be better informed than the Lord

therefore question whether the Prime Minister should play any part in appointing judges," the

But the committee rejected Opposition plans for a judicial appointments commission and ruled out wholesale reform.

All but the most junior judges are appointed after the Lord Chancellor's Department takes informal and secret "soundings" among existing judges and leading barristers.

Far from recommending the abolition of the legal equivalent of the old boys' network, which is incompatible with generally accepted equal opportunities practice, the committee declared: "We are satisfied that there is value in gathering opinions of serving judges and of practitioners, although we believe that there may be some scope for improvement in the methods by which comments are collated."

While accepting that job de-scriptions and selection criteria for all judicial posts should be formulated without delay, including for the high-ranking invitation-only posts in the High Court and above, the MPs rejected the idea of open advertisement and competition

Labour MPs on the committee attempted to insert paragraphs spotlighting the drawbacks of the current system, but mendations to the Queen. We were outvoted by Tory members.

Jo Hayes, chairwoman of the Association of Women Barristers, said: "We remain very concerned that not enough women are getting selected for the senior High Court apa number are allowed to sit as part-time deputies. Secret soundings mean that the system will remain vulnerable to charges that it unfairly excludes

well-qualified women. The committee gave the system for appointing magistrates a largely clean bill of health, but said imbalances in the political, ethnic and educational make-up of JPs often arose because many people did not realise they were eligible to apply.

There should be high-profile radio and television advertising campaigns designed to attract suitable candidates, the MPs

Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, welcomed the committee's findings, saying: "I am particularly pleased that they agree that the appointments process treats men and women equally and that they have welcomed my initiatives to encourage ethnic minority practitioners to apply for judicial ofensure that more judges are appointed from both groups."

Home Affairs Committee: Judicial Appointments Procedures. HMSO; £12.50.



Head start: The Lord Chancellor's wig. A report by MPs rules out reform of a system where most senior appointments are still the preserve of white males Photograph: Dillon Bryden want Mr Major to recall

## Soames in the. firing line over 'reshuffle plot'

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Right-wing Tory MPs have mounted a "stop Soames" campaign to stop the defence minister being promoted to the Cabinet in a reshuffle of min-

The right wing is furious over allegations going the rounds at Westminster that one of Nicholas Soames's support-ers last week leaked details of a letter which effectively scupperced the chances of David Davis gaining promotion.

Mr Davis – a Euro-sceptic

who had a key role in the EU non-cooperation policy - was in line to replace Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, until it was disclosed he had written to John Major threatening to resign unless he was promoted in the reshuffle. The right claims the aim of the leak was to block Mr Davis, and to leave the way open for Mr Soames.

ropean partners, but Tory Eurosceptics regard him as too "wet" and are keen to keep him out of the Cabinet.

Mr Major is expected to reshuffle the ranks next week to freshen the team that will go into the general election and re-place ministers who have asked to stand down, including Tim Eggar, the energy minister, and Steven Norris, the minister for transport in London.

Mr Major yesterday played down speculation that Mr Hogg would be sacked, but Tories still believe he could be moved sideways to become Attorney Gen-

Tory MPs who have been

shunned in the past by ministers.

"My office received a phone call

One of those who backed

down said: "I've not been nobbled. I was worried about the

rents, and they have assured me

on that. I think he should have

shown a bit more flexibility by

saying he would consult the fam-

ilies. If he had done that, he

would have avoided a lot of this

and the senior members of the

armed forces are fighting the plan to sell about 57,000 bous-

es to a private bidder on a 200-

year lease. There will be a

review after 25 years, after which the purchasers can develop the estates, unless the MoD objects.

announce the sale of the estates to a Japanese bank. He said yes-

terday that security on the bases would not be compromised;

management remains with the

Opponents are planning a rearguard action, which could

still block the deal. The Gov-

erriment could face defeat in the Lords on the report stage of the Housing Bill on 11 July with a Tory amendment to delay the

sale for a year to allow further

consultation. It could come to

the Commons to be overturned

on 22 July, but Labour is warning the Government it will lose.

public sector.

It is expected Mr Portillo will

The armed forces families.

trouble."

name is staying on the list.

his name cleared after a select committee "sleaze" inquiry.

There has also been a whispering campaign against George Gardiner over his threat to resign his scat if he loses the selection meeting in his

Reignte constituency.
"Peter Lilley, Nicholas Lyell, Hartley Booth and Cyril Townsend have all faced reselection without threatening to resign," said one Tory MP.

Mr Hogg faces fresh embar rassment next week when he walks into the "lions' den" with the farmers at the Royal Show. While there, he will also play host to Franz Fischler, the European Commissioner respon-sible for agriculture, who had the job of imposing the ban on British beef exports. Some Tories were privately predicting they would both need "tin hats" to protect them from the backlash of farmers, still furning over the loss of their business

Mr Soames, who is totally loy-al to the Prime Minister, would be able to assuage the anger of the farmers and Britain's Eu-man, and may feel that his credibility has been culled along with the cows," said one official



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## Tory rebels back down on homes sale

Tory MPs were warned yesterday that they were putting at risk from the Defence Secretary's tax cuts and further defence office saying he was prepared to their constituencies, if they rebelled against the £1.5bn sale of married quarters for the

David Clark, Labour's defence spokesman, said: "It really is sad that the Conservatives put tax cuts before the defence of Britain."

The pressure applied to Tory rebels appeared to be working as 13 Conservative MPs withdrew their names from a Commons motion opposing the sale. Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence, was mounting a vigorous counter-attack to stop the scheme being blocked. He briefed backbenchers individually to break the back of the threatened rebellion, and he made it clear at a press conference at the Ministry of Defence, that de-fence orders could be affected.

"If the sale did not go ahead, the Government would lose the money in the coming year," he said. Filling the £1.5bn hole in the Treasury's finances would be a "collective decision" for the Cabinet, he said. But he did not rule out the possibility that defence contracts could be postponed and MPs were being warned the Chancellor would

lose room for tax cuts. The pressure on the Chancellor was increased by the an-nouncement in a written Commons reply that the cost of the beef compensation and slaughter programme would be £2.5on, reduced to £2on after a European Union rebate. That will be met out of the reserves.

Mr Portillo said: "It is a prob-lem which the Government should not have to face because this policy is well-founded for the forces, for the economic strategy and for the philosophy of the Government."

Some of those who withdrew their names said they had signed the Commons motion under false pretences. After being assured that the rents of the armed forces would not rise steeply as a result of the sale, they removed their names from the list of 65 supporters.

They included right-wingers such as John Townend, the chairman of the 92 Group of Thatcherite Tory MPs. Nicholas Budgen, a leading Euro-sceptic, and those on the left of the party, including Peter Bottomley, Sir Jim Lester and Andrew Rowe. The "charm offensive" by Mr Portillo to win back sup-port has included Euro-sceptic

## Ordnance did need licence to export

STEPHEN GOODWIN

Sir Robin Butler, head of the Home Civil Service, yesterday denied a claim by the senior civil servants' union that Whitehall's political neutrality is being

In a two-hour appearance before an all-party committee of MPs, Sir Robin also contradicted a suggestion by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, that the privatised Royal Ordnance company was uniquely exempt from normal licensing requirements for arms exports.

The independent reported on Tuesday that a letter sent by Mr Portilio to Stephen Byers, a Labour frontbencher, revealed that Lord Justice Scott was misled during his inquiry into the export of arms-related equipment to Iraq and Iran.

Contrary to an assurance given to the inquiry, Mr Portillo said it appeared "some arrange-ment" must have been agreed that enabled company to continue its exemption after its sale to British Aerospace in 1987. An eight-month trawl of more than 1,000 RO export licence applications showed a "relative absence" of supporting documentation". sence"

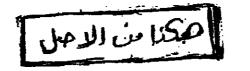
Pressed yesterday by Labour's John Gunnell, Sir Robin said that although the matter was not within his personal competence, he had seen a briefing which contradicted the Independent and that the company was subject to the licensing procedures in just the normal way after its sale to BAe.

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# **Ghostly sneers** echo from Amis's library

It must be the literary sale of the year. Sir Kingsley Amis's library - more than 1,600 books, many covered with scribbles of criticism or praise - comes up for auction next month, together with his Tippex-stained typewriter, his leather desk and his battered red armchair.

The author of Lucky Jim and The Old Devils died aged 73 last October - triggering a war between his biographer, Eric Jacobs, and his equally famous son Martin over whether the diaries of his last months should be published - and leafing through

the volumes is a ghostly task.

Much of his life seems to hang between their pages, either because the books are his own work, about his work, or contain his handwritten comments on the contents or forgotten letters from friends.

Pluck a volume out and his scrawled comments leap from the margin. Evelyn Waugh's Brideshead Revisited is a good example from a man notorious for his right-wing views and misogyny. "Piss off," he wrote

Annotated books from the outspoken writer are up for sale.

writes Marianne Macdonald

beside a description of the re-

word ...

fined Lady Marchmain. 'Well, what?" his ballpoint demands after Charles announces he knew what had drawn Sebastian to Morocco. Most of all, Amis was annoyed by Wangh's characters' indo-lence. "None of the family has enough, indeed anything to do," the pen notes, and: "At least Rex does something for a living." His verdict: "Twee Rich Upper

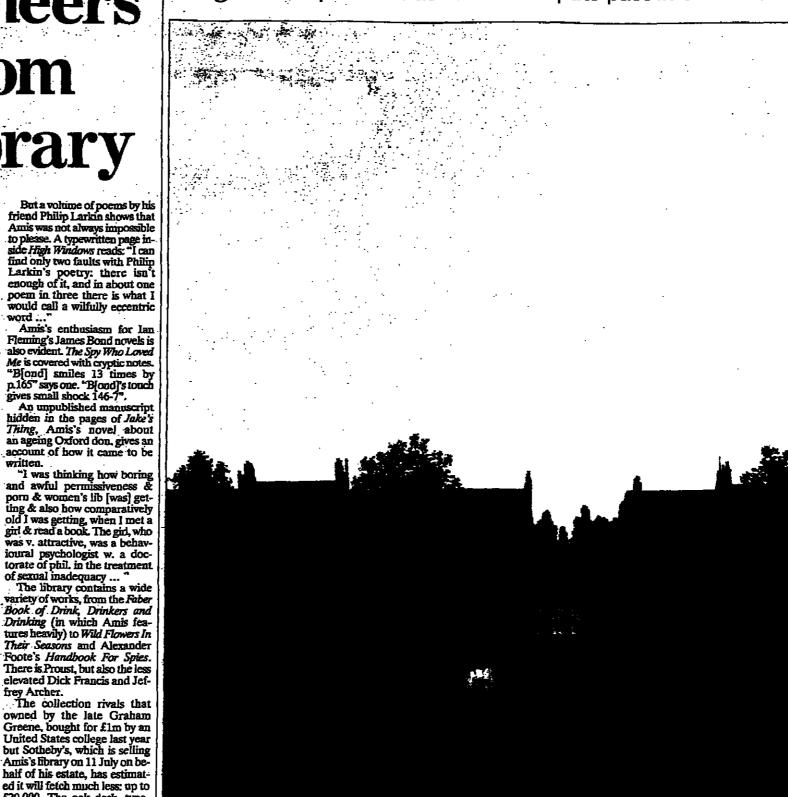
Class Novelittish Queer." Other writers come off badly too. "Balls", Amis wrote on the section of the Penguin Book of Contemporary British Poetry devoted to Derek Mahon. And later: "A fucking fool." "Really?" he sneers when Mahon writes of birds which "sing with a noise like paper tearing".

> of sexual inadequacy ... The library contains a wide variety of works, from the Faber Book of Drink, Drinkers and Drinking (in which Amis features heavily) to Wild Flowers In Their Seasons and Alexander Foote's Handbook For Spies. There is Proust, but also the less elevated Dick Francis and Jeffrey Archer.

gives small shock 146-7". An unpublished manuscri

The collection rivals that owned by the late Graham Greene, bought for £1m by an United States college last year but Sotheby's, which is selling Amis's library on 11 July on behalf of his estate, has estimated it will fetch much less: up to £20,000. The oak desk, type-writer and battered armchair are a snip, meanwhile, at the expected sums of £400, £300, £200 respectively.

Magritte at a premium as £2.5m bid puts past in the shade



ing by the Belgian surrealist René Magritte was paid at a Christie's sale in London yesterday. L'Empire des Lu-

An auction record of £2.5m for a paint-

mières (above) - one of series by the artist contrasting daylight and darkness was started in 1948 and completed in 1962, during which timespan he com-

pleted the rest of the set. Fierce competition between a telephone bidder and one in the saleroom drove the price way over Christie's top estimate of £800,000. **BBC** to launch first black ΓV news

**LOUISE JURY** 

The BBC's first news and current affairs programme specifically for black viewers goes on air next month.

The series, Black Britain, is being made by a team which is based alongside the BBC's other heavyweight current affairs programmes, including Russama, in west London.

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It comes 18 months after an internal report, "People and Programmes", warned that the corporation was in danger of losing its black audience. It was viewed as white, middle-class and less palatable than alternatives, the research found.

At its launch yesterday, Mark Damazer, head of BBC News weekly programmes, said Black Britain was an "overdue attempt to recognise the interests and concerns of black people in the UK, many of whom at the moment feel that our other programmes do not adequately reflect their varied lives."

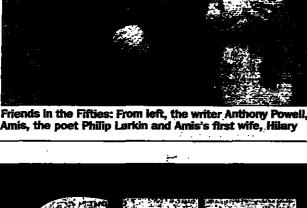
The series will be fronted by Rianna Scipio, television's first black weather presenter, with reporters including Clive Myric and Donu Kogbara. The focus will be on news, but will also cover sport, the arts and entertainment. There will be regular reports from around the world. Patrick Younge, the produc-

er, said: "The days of lumping all black people together as a single group are long gone. The community is extremely diverse, split by gender, ethnicity and class and this programme aims to reflect that."

Research for the "People and Programmes" report showed African-Caribbeans and Asians wanted to see more news on television and radio, especially about their own communities. It found that BBC programmes targeted at black audiences had been less successful than efforts for the Asian community. Black Britain goes on air on

Tuesday, 9 July, at 7.30pm.

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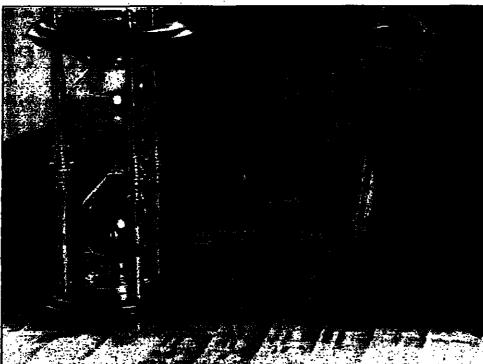






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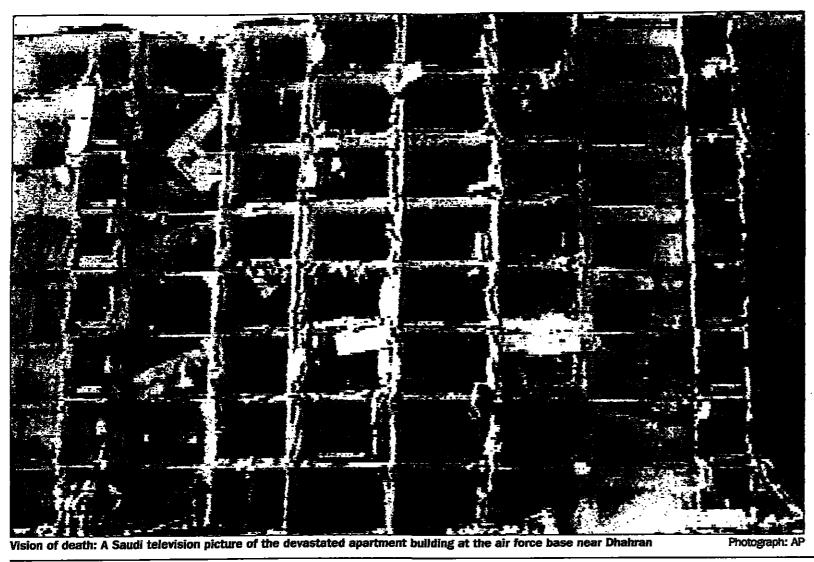
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## Scenes of carnage return to haunt US

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

The scene might have been Oklahoma City, April 1995, or for those with longer memories, the US marines barracks in Beirut in October 1983. But beyond their horror, the now familiar images of death and destruction at Khobar Tower complex are, above all for the Clinton administration, a jarring reminder of the pressures that menace the crucial relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia.

The massive explosion which sheared away a cross-section of one residential building and ravaged two others at the King Abdul Aziz base, near Dhahran, was the most devastating anti-American incident of its kind since the Beirut truck bombing that killed 241 American military personnel and drove the US out of Lebanon.

This time "only" 19 Amerimild-mannered US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, vowed with uncommon ferocity that those responsible would

Washington, he said yesterday, before leaving Cairo to visit the scene, "will not be deterred from fulfilling its duties around the world". The first goal may prove easier than the second. According to officials here, witnesses may be able to identify the two suspects who ran from the fuel tanker truck and

fore an estimated 5,000lb of ex-plosives detonated with a blast causing a 35ft-deep crater and shock waves felt 40 miles away in the island state of Bahrain. If so, then the Saudi authorities, aided by a team of FBI investigators who arrived in the kingdom yesterday, may be able to round up the perpetrators as speedily as after last November's comparable attack in Riyadh, in which seven people,

escaped in a white car, just be-

five of them Americans, lost their lives. After making televised confessions and acknowledging ideological ties to Islamic fundamentalists in other countries, four Saudi men were beheaded three weeks

> One immediate consequence of the tragedy will be to push terrorism, and Middle Eastern terrorism in particular, to the top of the agenda of the G7 summit which opens today. No fewer than 40 "specific

recommendations" to tackle terrorism will be adopted by leaders of the biggest industri-al nations, President Bill Clinton said as he left for Lyons. Washington, he added, expected its allies to "walk hand-inhand" with it. But this too may be less than

simple. Inevitably - Mr Clinton himself said as much yesterday - the blast will see election year demands from measures against "rogue states" such as Iran and Iraq, the prime suspects for whatever government links may exist with the attack. Hitherto, however, the Europeans have resisted efforts to isolate Teheran further.

Even harder to gauge are the long-term effects of the attack, at a time when uncertainty over the succession in Saudi Arabia adds to longstanding sensitivities over the country's vital and highly visible links with the US and the West. Once again, Mr Clinton went

ont of his way to praise the Saudis for their help, stressing that the American troops stationed in the country since the 1991 Gulf war as the lynchpin of US forward defence in the region had been made "very welcome". These forces were there at the request of the Saudi government, and 'it would be a mistake to change their mission because of this?

That government is, however, in the process of changing. Although it was King Fahd spoke on Tuesday evening, the staunchly pro-Western monarch suffered a stroke last year and power appears to be shifting to his half brother. Crown Prince Abdullah, who is believed to be more sympathetic to Arah

Almost certainly, the Dhahran explosion was carried out by elements opposed to the Saudi regime and its tolerance of growing Western influence in the traditionally conservative country. Some 40,000 Americans now work in the defence and technology sectors and above all the strategically vital oil industry. There is a conspiracy of near silence about the precise US military presence in



Clinton: Allies must help isolate terrorist states

Saudi Arabia, which is designed to be as unobtrusive as possible. Semi-officially it is put at 5,000. In fact, some observers say, the figure might be three or four times greater. The American dead and wounded in Dhahran were overwhelmingly air force personnel, assigned to enforce the UN "no-fly zone" over

## Why Western troops kept a low profile

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY... Defence Correspondent

The gigantic King Abdul Aziz air base at Dhahran is the centre for the low-key operation to monitor the safety of Arabs in southern Iraq. Like all Sandi military installations, it is huge and well appointed - which proved lacky for the Allies in the 1991 Gulf war, providing ex-ceptionally long runways and ample space for fleets of

American, British and French forces arrived at Dhahran soon after the Iraqi in-vasion of Kuwait in August 1990. Immediately after the Gulf war ended in March 1991, the United Nations passed resolutions establishing a "no-fly zone" over Iraq south of the 32nd parallel, which was de-signed to prevent Iraqi air at-tacks on the Shia Muslims of the area who were in conflict with the predominantly Sumni Iraqi government. The no-fly zone was also intended to protect the reconnaissance aircraft of the three main coalition partners the US, Britain and France who were monitoring continued Iraqi ground action against the Shia Muslims, and President Saddam Hussein's attempts to drain the southern marshes.

If Islamic fundamentalists based in Saudi Arabia, possibly associated with Shia Muslims in Iran, were responsible for Tues-

day night's tragedy, the irony is that the original justification for the US forces' presence was to protect their Shia coreligionists in southern Iraq. That further suggests that radicals within Saudi Arabia, rather than the Iranians, were to

Although the Western air forces have been monitoring Iraqi movements since early 1991, they have maintained a low profile, primarily to assuage Saudi sensitivities about a large Western presence.

The US has about 5,000 military personnel in Saudi Arabia, 2,500 of them based around Dhahran, involved in operation "Southern Watch".

The US Air Force has two squadrons of F-16 Fighting Falcons, one of F-15 Eagles, two of C-130 Hercules transport planes and one of EF-111 electronic warfare planes. It also has a battalion of Patriot antiaircraft and anti-missile missiles and a signals battalion.

There are about 200 RAF personnel at Dhahran supporting six Tornado GR-1 reconnaissance and ground attack planes. The French have about 150 people supporting six Mirage 2000s. In addition to the Western

military presence, there are thousands of expatriate workers from Western industrial firms based close to the military

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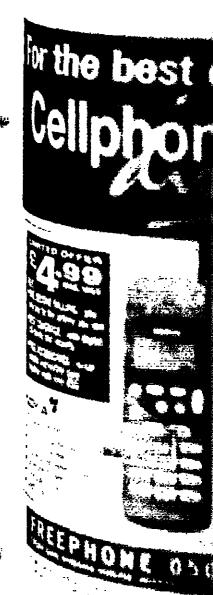




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## Revolt stirs against West's secret legions

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iddle East Correspondent

was a message. To the Arab ctators of the Gulf, it was a vastating reminder that imense wealth cannot protect teir kingdoms. To the Amerians, the message was simpler; nat they can protect neither neir friends nor themselves in ne Middle East. To Muslims, owever, the bombing of the US air Force housing complex at Dhahran in Saudi Arabia and he death of 23 American serricemen provided a reminder of different kind: that thousands of Western troops remain behind in the land containing Islam's two holiest shrines long after the original reason for their presence - Saddam Hus-sein's invasion of Kuwait - has

passed into history.
The US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, went to view the wreckage of the eightstorey building that crushed the life from 23 young Ameri-cans, just as Vice-President George Bush visited the Beirut marine base after a truck bomber had killed 241 US military personnel in 1983. And, like Mr Bush, Mr Christopher - and President Bill Clinton vesterday yowed that America would not be swayed by violence, that the perpetrators would be hunted down.

In Beirut, they never were. But the reason for both bombings was remarkably similar: anger at an ever-widening American military presence in

the Muslim world. King Fahd, before his current dementia, was the first to fear that violence would follow the arrival of the American armies in the Gulf in 1990. Even before the 82nd Airborne flew into Dhahran that August, the Saudi intelligence services heard frightening rumours that a new and younger breed of dissidents, inspired by the war against the Soviet Union's forces in Afghanistan, would attack those who would "defile" the land of the Prophet. It was

Mr Bush that all US troops would leave his kingdom when the Iraqi threat had ended.

But it didn't work out that way. While the legions left, the standard bearers stayed behind - at least 5,000 American military personnel in Saudi Arabia alone, along with hundreds of British and French troops. The number of Western mil-

itary personnel in the Gulf is now 10 times higher than it was before 1990. Americans live in Dhahran and Jeddah and walk the underground corridors of the Defence Ministry in Riyadh. And, despite censorship and a massive security apparatus, there is scarcely a Saudi who will not believe that this foreign



"occupation" was the reason for yesterday's bombing.

That, and the public be-heading - after a mockery of a trial - of the four men condemned for the bombing of a US facility in Riyadh seven months ago in which five Americans and two Indians were killed. Islamists had warned that if the four - Muslih al-Shamrani, Khalid al-Said, Riyad al-Haja and Abdulaziz al-Mitham - were executed, there would be further attacks. Prince Sultan, the Saudi Defence Minister, unwisely dismissed these threats as "childish". They were repeated after the US ambassador in Riyadh said immediately after their arrest that the men were indeed the "four people responsible for the

monarch, on 6 August 1990, ex-tracted a public promise from being tortured, the accused were denied lawyers at their trial and were then forced to give a television confession that they had been inspired by militants

in Algeria and Afghanistan. Amnesty International pleaded in vain that their lives be spared. They were put to the sword. Few doubted that they were guilty, but what shocked King Fahd and his family, who had been insisting that the killers were Iranian or even Iraqi, was that all four were Saudi nationals. Not only Saudis, but members of the majority Sunni Muslim community rather than Shias who might have felt some affection for Iran. Yesterday, Middle East ex-

perts were producing their usual theories of an international Muslim conspiracy. No sooner had anonymous American diplomats ingered Tehran than President Ezer Weizman of Israel weighed in to make the predictable claim that Iran was behind the bombing. If only it was that simple. Iran's retigious leaders will feel no pity for the Americans, but the chances are that yesterday's bombing was a home-grown Saudi affair, a new phase in the most violent internal opposition ever to confront the House of Saud and its Western supporters. And this at the delicate, vulnerable mo-ment when the dying King Fahd has scarcely handed over pow-er to Crown Prince Abdullah.

Nor are the kingdom's ene-mies the smiling dissidents who wage war by fax against the corrupt and dissolute princes of the Gulf. It takes trained men to rig a bomb containing 5,000lb of explosives, to make a getaway in a waiting car when the soldiers of Nato armies are there to stop

Where did they learn this? In Bosnia, fighting for the Muslims whom the West allowed to perish in their tens of thousands? Or in Afghanistan, where the Americans provided the logistics and training and explobombing". sives for the young men who Saudi justice followed its usual course. After reportedly Army?



nen who ambushed an Israeli patrol, killing three.

## 3 Israeli soldiers killed in ambush

Jerusalem — Three Israeli sol-diers were killed and two wounded in an ambush by guerrillas close to the Jordanian border early yesterday morning.

writes Patrick Cockburn. In the first serious attack since the new right-wing Israeli government took office, a vehicle on patrol came under fire at close range from gunmen hidden in thickets of reeds and scrub on the banks of the Jordan river, which marks the border between the two countries.

A second Israeli patrol vehicle arrived as the gunmen were removing equipment from the first and opened fire. In the second exchange of fire one Israeli soldier was lightly wounded. The army says large Israeli forces "including helicopters have begun search in co-operation with Jordanian forces".

The guerrillas captured a machine gun and a M-16 rifle

had made their way back into Jordan. The ambush is surprising because Jordanian security tightly controls the horder region, particularly since it signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994. Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, is due to visit Jordan in the next few days, to thank King Hussein for his support for Israel at the Arab

summit in Cairo last weekend. During the election cam-paign Mr Netanyahu said he would provide greater security for Israelis. In south Lebanon he is expected to respond to am-hushes by Hizbollah guerrillas by striking at Syrian positions in Lebanon. But in the case of attacks emanating from Jordan he has no clear target to attack.

Why Western troops kept a low profile

## No peace for Mr Christopher

I was a bad day for the Pax enericana, established in the iddle East at the end of the fulf war in 1991. Only hours bere the truck bomb exploded Dhahran, Warren Christoner, the United States Secrery of State, was learning that

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ly elected Israeli prime minister, disagrees with the USbrokered accords between Israel and the Palestinians. Above all Mr Netanyahu said he wanted talks with Arabs without preconditions, which means backing away from the promise to return Arab land conquered in 1967 in return for peace.

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accords," said one Israeli observer after watching Mr Ne-

On the same day, the bomb at Dhahran and the US-Israeli press conference showed that the US will find it difficult to provide security for anybody in the Middle East in future.

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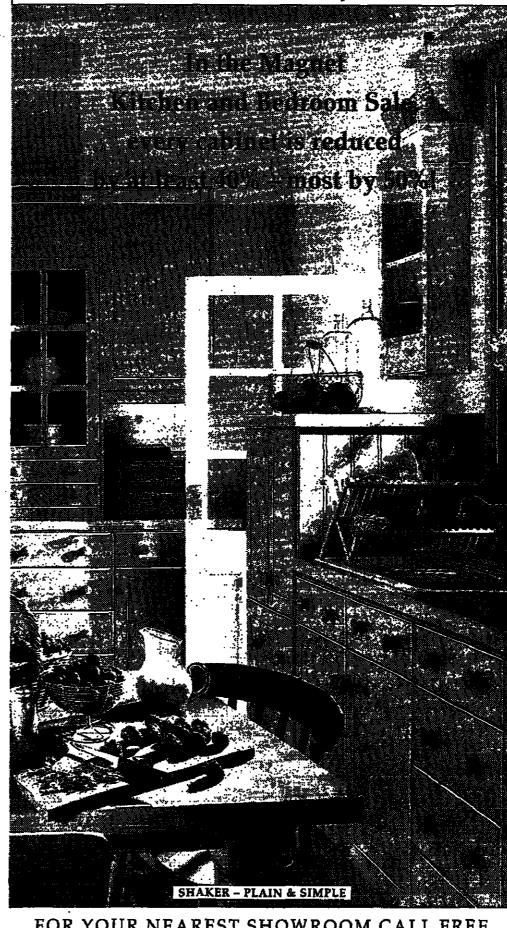
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## Tears and drama as Greeks say farewell

ANDREW GUMBEL

It was a funeral to fit all the selfaggrandising rhetoric and contradictory passions of the man himself. Yesterday, Greece paid a lavish, tearful farewell to its towering political personality, Andreas Papandreou, with the same mix of grand spectacle, low political skulduggery and family jealousies that punctuated his long, turbulent life.

The country ground to a halt for the day as politicians, foreign dignitaries and thousands of admirers converged on Athens for the first state funeral to be held in Greece since the death of King Paul in 1963. Dense crowds squeezed along the narrow streets leading from Athens' Metropolitan Cathedral, where Mr Papandreou received his last honours, to the city's main cemetery where he was finally lain to rest.

"Andreas, you live, you are the one who guides us!" chant-ed the crowd as a seemingly endless sea of dignitaries, brightly-uniformed soldiers and politicians paraded through the hot streets of the capital.

Mourners threw handfuls of rose petals down from apartment buildings, forming a carpet of red and pink on top of the Greek flag covering the bier. Right and left were rows of huge wreaths of flowers sent from well-wishers around the world.

For all his faults - and there were many - Mr Papandreou proved yesterday just how deeply the Greeks loved him for his nonulism, his determination to keep up at least a semblance of independence from foreign allies, and even for the all-too human frailty he showed over

money and beautiful women. "For me, Papandreou is the embodiment of our transition

from dictatorship to democra-cy. He made Greece excited bout its role in the world, refusing to let the country become just another homogeneous adjunct of the west. It may all have been an illusion, but it was a beautiful illusion," one

The drama was not without its quirks, however. Just off the main funeral route, a clutch of hamburger- and soft-drink sellers gave the proceedings the whiff of an oriental bazaar. Scruffy young men picked up the red roses that mourners had pandreou's coffin and resold

As befitted a man famous for cultivating strange allies, the guest list included a group of Kurdish freedom fighters (ap-plauded by the anti-Turkish crowd) and Iran's Foreign Min-ister, Ali Akbar Velayati. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin represented the United States, a country with whom Mr Papandreou conducted a lifelong love-hate relationship. Britain sent the Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo.

The dignitaries crammed into the tiny cathedral to hear eulogies from family, friends and political leaders. And it was here that the games and subtle attempts at one-upmanship began. Members of Pasok, the Socialist movement Mr Papandreou founded in 1974, could barely contain their rivalries on the eve of a congress to designate the old man's successor as

president of the party. Costas Simitis, a noted dissenter from Mr Papandreou's autocratic leadership style, who took over as Prime Minister in January, did his best to sound statesmanlike as he called for party unity - a coded pitch for his own campaign to become and wallowing in memories of

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leader. "Pasok has lost its founder, but not its soul. He has brought us face to face with our responsibilities, and we will prove ourselves equal to the challenge," Mr Simitis said.

Mr Papandreou's more unambiguous acolytes, including Mr Simitis' main rival for the party leadership, Akis Tsochadzopoulos, adopted a more emotional tone, addressing the deceased in the second person

grand party battles and moments of personal intimacy. The contrast in styles could not have been more orches-

It was the family, though, that created the greatest drama. Mr Papandreou's flamboyant young widow, Mimi, dissolved into tears without fail-wheneyer a television camera came

> At the end of the service she prostrated herself full-length

over her husband's coffin to give mourners, leaving Mimi to go him one last hug and whisper:

"My love! My love!". Mr Papandreou's first wife, Margaret, clearly disapproved of such histrionics and made strenuous efforts to be more dignified, holding back her tears and simply resting her forehead on the coffin. Margaret and the four Papandreon children later retired to the home they all once shared in the Athenian suburb of Kastri to receive vision mini-series.

home to her lavish villa. The gossip rags got new grist for their mill from the dead man's half-brother, George. His oration reduced the assembled company to a stunned silence. "I always loved you," he said. "But you never explained why you didn't love me. I love you all the same." There's probably enough family strife behind those three lines to fill a tele-

Cold War agent jailed Bonn — Protesting his innocence Willy Brandt. Düsseldorf's high glance to the last, Karl Wienand, a court ruled that Wienand had, for wine. over 20 years, kept the Com munist regime informed of scene but which was never Bonn's strategy towards the east,

in return for some DM1m. Wienand is appealing against the verdict, claiming his meetings with a Stasi agent who he thought was an East German government

parently one of several writers enlisted to massage the script. Interviewed for the documentary "The Celluloid Closet", he said he persuaded the director to liven up the relation-ship between Ben Hur and his Roman rival, Massala, with a

The sub-text, arrying the

Ben Hur gay. slur drives Heston crazy

Los Angeles — It is unclear whether this is a declaration of peace, or yet another act of war. Charlton Heston, in a letter to the Los Angeles Times, has called for an end to a "grossly overworked discussion" over the making of Ben Hur, a dispute which has pitted the conservative actor in a gladiatorial mod-fight with the left-wing writer Gore Vidal.

In more ways than one, the film is ancient history. It won 11 Academy Awards, the all-time record, in 1959. But the pair crossed swords when Vidal, in a television documentary on gay and lesbian images in film, claimed to have written a scene into Ben Hur-without Heston's knowledge - with clear homo-sexual overtones. They have been at it ever since.

Heston, who won the Oscar for best actor as the Jewish charioteer, dismissed Vidal's story. He accused him of making extravagant claims of authorship on a film script in which he played no part. It is plain that Vidal has delighted in irritating Heston. These days the actor, a close friend of the failing former president Ronald Reagan. is best known as a public spokesman for the National Rifle Association. At the NRA's convention this April, where the theme was reaching out to youth, images of Heston were shown on two huge video screens, intercut with a procession of young people, the new generation of gun-owning Americans. "There can be no torch to pass on where there is no flame," he intoned.

While Heston was one of the biggest stars of the 1950s, he does not seem to be remembered with great fondness. There is no "Heston" section in the shelves of Los Angeles video stores, as there is for most

other leading actors. His films appear mostly under "Epics".
Screen credits for film writing are closely guarded by the Writers' Guild of America, and Vidal was not considered for one in Ben Hur. But he was appearantly one of control writers.

scene where Massala, played by Stephen Boyd, casts longing glances at Heston as they sip

made explicit, was that the two characters had been teenage lovers and that Massala wanted to kiss and make up. That was explained to Boyd but kept secret from Heston, who would

Row over whether charioteer was it the closet may nit be over, writes Tim Cornwell

The story is not new, but s repetition outraged Heste. He claimed Vidal was brough on to the set for a three-day tal run, after which all his su-

gested scenes were thrown or The story "irritates the hi out of me," he added. Vidal r sponded by calling the actor performances "astonishing the other of playing fast an



Undeniably, film-makers in the 1950s were forced to dance around the topic of homosexuality. Censors at the Production Code Administration prohibited films from mentioning it. If certain characters were acceptably limp-wristed, they were never gay. These days cross-dressing is

almost standard fare - witness Mrs Doubtfire, or recently The Bird Cage, the Americanised Lu Cage aux Folles. Tom Hanks took on Aids in Philadelphia. But gay overtones can still be a sensitive subject. The Cable Guy, starring Jim Carrey, is provoking a lot of talk at the moment. Carrey plays "the cable guy" who comes to the home of Steven, played by Matthew Broderick, to install his cable television. He proceeds not just to fix his cable, but to fix his life. But largely papered over are he homosexual implications of Carrey's desperate desire or Steven to be his friend. He s psychotically jealous. For Hillywood, gayness is still not a comfortable theme.

While Heston has called in peace, it may not be quite te last round. He took anothr dig at Vidal by advising him, a the words of his friend. Mr Regan, that "facts are stubbon things". It seems unlikely the Mr Vidal will let that go witout a final burst of repartee.

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### Row over FBI files rumbles on

RUPERT CORNWELL

The Clinton White House of-ficial in the eye of the FBI files storm resigned yesterday, in-sisting nonetheless that the affair was just a bureaucratic blunder and not a sinister Democratic attempt to gather background dirt on Republican political opponents.

Testifying at heated, bitterly partisan Congressional hearings into what has become a major election year embarrassment for the Clinton campaign, Craig Livingstone, head of the White House personnel security office, said the request for confidential FBI background files in late 1993 on more than 400 people

including some prominent
Republicans – had been an innocent mistake, based on outdated lists of White House pass-holders compiled by the Secret Service. He denied he had ever been asked for, or requested himself, any such list. "But I am tendering my resignation, effective immediately."

But his departure will not end the controversy, fuelled by new allegations that files on not 400, but 700 individuals were requested and received from the FBL Furthermore, the files are said to have included IRS tax documents, whose possession by unauthorised individuals is a

criminal offence. Republicans insist that the affair shows flagrant ineptitude on the part of the White House, questioning how a political operative and former restaurant bouncer such as Mr Livingstone could be put in charge of so sensitive a matter. Secret Service officials deny they provided out of date lists of Bush officials who had left office in January 1993.



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# Lich Hur 8a Chirac puts jobs on summit agenda

MARY DEJEVSKY

As the city of Lyon made its final preparations yesterday for receiving the leaders of the world's richest nations at the annual summit of the Group of Seven industrialised countries, France underlined its desire to see two subjects figure promi-nently in the discussions: aid to less developed countries, and unemployment.
The first is an interest and

alignment it shares with Japan and Canada; the second, however, reflects a large element of domestic political self-interest. For France, unlike Britain and the United States, still faces an acute unemployment problem, and one which seems not to be responding to governmentprescribed treatment.

Official figures announced this week showed that unemployment in April rose to the second-highest level ever, with some 3.15 million people, or 12.3 per cent of the population of working age, now registered

as unemployed.
On Tuesday, the defence ministry announced that the naval dockyards are to lose more than 6,000 jobs - around a quarter of the workforce - by the end of 1998, as a result of cuts in government defence spending and plans for re-

structuring the defence sector. The Defence Minister, Charles Millon, yesterday repeated a piedge he gave a market.

month ago, that there would be no compulsory redundancies. The cuts will none the less severely hit the ports of Brest and Cherbourg. An MP for a northern French constituency, Yves Bonnet, staged a sit-in through the night at the defence ministry in protest against the cuts.

The hitherto protected defence sector is not the only area where jobs are being lost. Earher this week the troubled bank Credit Lyonnais announced it was to shed more than 6,000 jobs. The building industry has also announced large-scale cuts, because the housing market has failed to pick up signifi-cantly, despite a series of govment incentives.

To France's few out and out free-marketeers, the current wave of job losses is a sign that French industry may finally be grappling with the overmanning and inefficient job practices that have sapped profitability. In France, however, there is a fear that the cuts will not only reflect poorly on a governmen pledged to reduce unemp loyment, but could sap morale and impede the long-heralded

recovery.
Which is why President Chirac is so keen to ensure that unemployment and possible remedies figure prominently at Lyon, even though he risks a lecture from the Americans and the British about the high price of labour in France and the conservatism of the French labour

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fghanistan's opposition laleban militia marked the return to Kabul of the guerrilla leader Gulbuddin

Helimatyar with a ferocious bombardment that killed at

least 32 people and wounded about 100. Government

officials welcomed Mr Hekmatyar, their former enemy,

into the city along with a 100-vehicle convoy of his flag-

waving supporters, and President Burhanuddin Rabbani swore him in as prime minister, 30 months after he tried to

seize Kabul in an abortive coup. Mr Hekmatyar spent near-ly two years bombarding Kabul before being dislodged by the Taleban movement. Now he has formed an alliance

with the government against the Taleban, which has been besieging Kabul since October: Islamabad—Reuter

The Bosman Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, the key obstacle to holding free elections, offered to resign, but attached conditions he knew the international community

would not swallow. The manoeuvering at an all-night crisis meeting of the Bosnian Serb leadership seemed to be a last

cimmal, to retain power ahead of a 1 July deadline the world has set for him to quit. His departure would remove a major roadblock before elections in Bosnia in September.

Belgrade's independent VIP newsletter said Mr Karadzic

signed a document saying he would resign, but only if the

infernational community granted his Bosnian Serb republic de facto recognition, which it will not do. AP — Pale

Nore than 100 Central African immigrants who were flown from Spain's Moroccan enclave of Melilla to the mainland last Friday following a riot were secretly expelled from the country hours later, the Spanish Interior Ministry said yesterday. Refugee welfare organisations yesterday

condemned the secrecy with which the authorities deported the undocumented immigrants to Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal and Cameroon. Metilla's Human Rights Association

accused the authorities of illegally detaining Central Africans. Elizabeth Nash — Madrid

Italian police arrested Candeloro Parrello, reputed

surgery. Investigators did not immediately disclose how they had tracked down the suspect, who was wanted on

O'Simpson is reaching out to Los Angeles' black community with a fund-raiser at his estate today for

with gang members and victims of domestic abuse. Mr

of up to \$10,000, have won the blessing of African

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Simpson's plans for a reception, with suggested donations

American community leaders, but critics called the event "ghoulish", and womens groups promised a counter-rally. A judge in the civil law suit brought against Mr Simpson by the families of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald

their murders last year, has ruled against him on a key issue. Judge Alan Haber said Mr Simpson's attorneys must

Goldman, brought after a jury found him not guilty of

explain exactly how they believe evidence against him, including blood found in his bedroom and Bronco truck,

was planted. The case is set to go to trial in September.

Tim Cornwell — Los Angeles

but was arrested without incident. Rome - Reuter

boss of the 'Ndrangheta organised crime group of Italy's southern Calabria region. They said the 40-year-old

Mr Parrello had been living in an elegant Rome flat under a false name for several months, and had undergone plastic

several charges of Mafia association and arms and drug trafficking. Parrello gave up when police stormed his apartment. He initially showed the officers a false passport

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### Smoking ads take the biscuit

Paris — A biscuit a day may not keep the doctor away, but it is still a better health bet than a cigarette, even someone else 5 cigarette, writes Mary Dejevsky.

This is the verdict of a French court, which yesterday banned a series of controversial advertisements for the tobacco conglomerate, Philip Morris, which appeared to suggest biscuits could be more dangerous to health than possive smoking. For two weeks, Philip Mor-

ris Europe has been running newspaper advertisements in France and elsewhere (including Britain), designed to challenge the notion of "passive smoking". In France, where smoking is more widespread than in Britain, the adverts took up a full page of the national daily papers. One advert, headed "Life is

full of risks - but they are not all the same", included a large picture of three biscuits. The iext beneath cited the results of a US Environmental Protection Agency investigation which, it said, put certain "everyday health risks higher than that of passive smoking", including 'eating a biscuit a day".

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Biscultmakers took umbrage and took the advertising agency to court. The judge decided in their favour, awarded them token damages of one franc, and banned the Philip Morris

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# Ray Howard-**Jones**

idays on the Dyfed coast may have encountered a naked woman emerging from behind the rocks. The chances are this was Ray Howard-Jones, woman war artist and painter in the Romantic tradition - best known to her friends as "Ray the

She was born in Berkshire, in 1903, at her father's racing sta-ble on the downs. At two she moved to her grandfather's home in Penarth and it was there that she spent her childhood, sketching the shores of the Bristol Channel. At 12 her guardian, "Putty" Purnell, took her to Tenby, where she made her first serious seascape study, and fell in love with the coast

In 1920 she was granted a place at the Slade School of Art. London. Three years later she achieved a London University Fine Art Diploma, gaining distinctions in painting, wood engraving and design. Her oil Christ on the Road to Calvary won the summer composition prize. When presenting the award the Slade Professor, Henry Tonks, turned to his colleague Philip Wilson Steer to remark, "There is only one man in the world to whose word I would defer [i.e. Steer himself] and he tells me that this painter is the finest colourist we have ever produced at the Slade." Praise from this quarter helped inspire an extraordinarily single-minded artistic career.

In the immediate pre-war years Howard-Jones worked for the National Museum of Wales producing archaeological reconstruction drawings for the published works of Sir Cyril Fox and Dr Nash-Williams. In 1942 she was determined to make her contribution to the war effort and began painting around the Cardiff and Barry docks. The following year she received a commission to record the fortified islands of Flat Holm and Steep Holm in the Bristol Channel, thus achieving the distinction of becoming one of

Salah Abu-Seif was known as

the father of realism in Egypt's

film industry, which controls the

cinematic taste of some 150 mil-

lion Arab-speaking filmgoers

His legacy of 41 motion pic-

tures transformed Arabic-

speaking film. His ideas and

cinematography have been em-

ulated over the past 20 years

throughout the Middle East, es-

pecially in Syria and Tunisia

where there are budding film in-

dustries, by two generations of

film-makers - many of whom

were among Abu-Seif's stu-

dents at the Egyptian Film In-stitute which he helped to

Abu-Seif was born in 1915, in

Cairo's ancient quarter of

Boolaq, to landowning parents

from Upper Egypt. He was 12

years old when he saw the first

full-length feature film made by

an Egyptian, in 1927, at a local

movie-house - earlier films

were imports accompanied by

Egyptian narrations, or made by

As the son of a conservative

Europeans living in Egypt.

establish in 1960.

Middle East and beyond.

a handful of women who became accredited war artists. Her paintings depicting preparations of D-Day shipping in Cardiff are now in the collection of the Imperial War Museum. In 1947 Ray Howard-Jones

moved to Ravenscourt Park in west London. Her house there was to be her home and studio for the rest of her life. From this base she took her annual pilgrimages to the coast of Dyfed. from 1949 until 1992. For the first nine years she stayed on the deserted island of Skomer with her partner, the photographer Raymond Moore. The two Rays shared a close relationship for 20 years, and it was during their first decade together that she began her earnest exploration of the history and mysticism of the Welsh landscape. In 1958 Howard-Jones was

commissioned to design a mosaic for Thomson House, Cardiff, the offices of the Western Mail, a colourful, semiabstract design incorporating flying newspapers. More success followed in 1959 with her first full-scale show at the Leicester Galleries in London, the first in a series of five shows over the next 10 years which brought her acclaim on the national art scene. Although an oil painter of great skill, her true artistic spirit and style came out best in her use of gouache and pastel, and it was this medium that she increasingly devoted herself to.

She could work quickly and out of doors. Many of her works depict her beloved Easter Bay (her name for Martin's Haven. close to the village of Marloes). She felt an affinity with the steep cliffs, which she was still climbing at the age of 89, and the rocks to which she gave private names - "Te Deum", "The Brother", "Cathedral of the Stac". Here too she could swim with the seals.

During her lifetime, Ray Howard-Jones's work featured in almost 30 one-man shows in world-wide, including the Na. she no longer used a caravan, proud, for it more resembled 25 June 1996.



Howard-Jones sketching below her cottage at Martin's Haven, Dyfed, 1970 Photograph: Roger Worsley

tional Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, Boston City Art Gallery in the United States, and the National Gallery of Southern Australia, Adelaide. With the closure of the Leicester Galleries Howard-Jones had distanced herself from the London art scene, although the Welsh Arts Council organised two touring retrospectives of her work in 1974 and 1983-84. In 1985 the Abbot of Nashdom, outside Slough, invited her to exhibit her work with the intention of "reviving and restor-ing the early tradition of the

Benedictine Order in their allegiance with the creative arts". Howard-Jones gained spiritual support from being made an oblate of the order. Her annual trips to Wales had become more reclusive after her split from Moore in 1970. She appeared to revel in her isolation. Her trips down the M4. at carefree speed in a rickety Re-

Salah Abu-Seif

avant-garde second generation

film-makers in the country. He

pioneered shooting on loca-

tion - though he also used re-

of his predecessors had dared to

visit, like ghurza (the equivalent

of old Chinese opium dens),

brothels and impoverished ar-

eas whose existence had never

been officially acknowledged.

like polygamy in Islamic society

and corruption among the cier-

gy brought him into conflict with

the Al-Azhar, the official Mus-

comedy about the financial ex-

sudden death, was banned after

the Muslim Church argued that

the subject offended the sensi-

bility of the Muslim majority.

sorship engraved itself on Abu-Seif's mind; on his 80th birthday

last year he decided to retire,

saying he would only return to

film-making when the censor-

ship board passed his proposed new script. He did, however, re-

Such harsh and absurd cen-

His choice of bold subjects

structions — in n

but instead spent her summer in a tin and wooden hut, perched on the Dyfed cliff. above the roar of the Atlantic Ocean. In the local village shops she would settle her bills with drawings and paintings. In 1993 Howard-Jones came

back to the London art scene when the Rocket Press organised a retrospective of her work dating from the 1930s up until 1993 in Cork Street. The exhibition coincided with Rocket's publication of her first book of poetry, Heart of the Rock, and a new monograph about her, The Elements of an Art, by Merlin James. The show was of especial interest as Howard-Jones's most expressive work had developed since she was in her late eighties. She was exhilarated to be in the limelight once more and appeared at the opening in a boldly decorated British art galleries and was rep-resented in public collections rify fellow passengers. By 1992 over her make-up, of which Wil-son Steer would have been

ished himself as one of the most ceive many Egyptian, Arab and Nile while he stands calmly

His most remarkable pic-

tures, which told the social and

political history of the less for-

tions of heavyweight novels - by

Emile Zola and the Nobel

prizewinner Naguib Mahfonz,

with Abu-Seif was one of his

most enjoyable experiences.

who said that working on a script

Critics loyal to Colonel Nass-

er's dictatorial government used

the fact that Abu-Seif made lit-

erary adaptations to undermine

him as a film-maker, claiming

ry by himself. But his "realism"

was highly symbolic, concealing

which bypassed the censors.

His adaptation of Mahfouz's A

Beginning and an End (1960),

showing injustice in society,

sent a chill through the ruling

proud army officer - played by Omar Sharif - is seen persuad-

ing his sister, whose earnings as

a prostitute paid for his educa-

tion and elevated him to the

ranks of the elite, to jump in the

classes: the main character,

international awards.

her own paint palette than anything which could be conventionally regarded as cosmetics. Many will have memories of Ray Howard-Jones seated in

her west London garden, voicing her strong opinions on drawing while she fed the birds. Visitors were often invited into the garden, which could prove something of a relief since indoors one might be submerged under an avalanche of books. papers, sketches, letters and "found objects". Howard-Jones's niece Nicola was a constant support to her in these last years. Indeed, Ray Howard-Jones had always been adept at getting others to run round after her so that she, herself, was free to give everything to her art. She was a woman of great courage and indomitable spirit.

David Stephenson and Lottie Hoare

artist: born Lambourn, Berkshire 30 May 1903; died London

smoking until she drowns.

The film was made when

example The Vacant Pillow

singer, Abdel Halim Hafez.

Salah Abu-Seif's realism.

The claim is dismissed by

## **Ande Anderson**

Ande Anderson spent virtually his entire working life at Covent Garden.

After war service with the West African Frontier Force and two years as stage director for Ensa in Bombay, in 1948 he joined the stage management department of the fledgling Covent Garden Opera Company (which later became the Royal Opera), becoming stage manager and assistant to the resident producer in 1956. Two years later he was raised to assistant producer, then in 1959 became resident producer, a post he held until 1972, when he became director of productions. From 1979 to 1982 he was general manager of the Royal Opera Company and even after his retirement from that post continued to work as a freelance

director. As resident producer, Anderson was responsible for re-vivals of operas originally staged by star directors such as Visconti and Zeffirelli, as well as the more hundrum productions of now long-forgotten directors. To both of these categories he devoted great care and as much time (never sufficient) as he was allowed

Staff producers have a thankless task: if they alter the original staging, people are sure to complain; if they do not correct their predecessors mistakes, people will complain even more. It was only after his retirement from Covent Garden that Ande Anderson was properly appreciated. While he worked there, solecisms that disfigured later stagings of Don Carlos and Billy Budd did not occur: no ladies accompanied Elisabeth de Valois into the Monastery of San Yuste, where the Queen of Spain was the only female permitted to enter; the officers on board HMS Indomitable did not rise to drink the King's health (naval officers had a special dispensation to remain seated, as cabin bulkheads were so low).

Anderson also worked for

other organisations: he directed Semele (1959) and Hercules (1960) for the Handel Opera Society at Sadler's Wells, while prising Kentish Opera Group, which performed at the Civic Hall, Orpington, he directed Menotti's The Old Maid and the Thief (1960) and The Saint of Bleecker Street (1962), both British premieres. He staged Britten's The Tian of the Screw and a double bill of Mozart's Bastien and Bastienne together with Schoenberg's Pierrot lunaire at Ledlanet in Scotland in 1966, and the following year directed

successful productions of Berlioz's Béatrice et Bénédict and Weber's Oberon for Cambridge University Opera. At Covent Garden Anderson was occasionally given a pro-duction of his own. In 1965 he staged Puccini's trio of one-act operas Il trittico, of which only

Il tabarro and Suor Angelica were brand new, Gianni Schic-chi was the reworking of a production by Peter Ustinov from 1962. I remember Il tabarro as particularly enjoyable, with Tito Gobbi, Marie Collier and Charles Craig in the principal roles. Then in 1968 Anderson directed a new production (the second) of Tippett's Midsummer Marriage, while the same year he was landed with Puccini's Manon Lescant which used various bits of scenery discarded from other operas. The audience was surprised to recognise Brünnhilde's rock from The

Ring in the final act. However, revivals are the resident producer's chief job and Anderson was responsible, throughout the Sixties and Seventies, for a great many of these: Visconti's productions of Dun Carlos, Il trovatore and La traviata; Zeffirelli's Lucia di Lammermoor, Rigoletto, Falstaff, Cavalleria rusticana, Pagliacci and Tosca were treated with the love and respect that they deserved, as was the Fidelio directed as well as conducted by the veteran Otto Klemperer. Many revivals, including The Queen of Spades, Un ballo in maschera, Carmen, Wozzeck, Der fliegende Hollander, Otello and Jerufa were, as I recall, greatly improved by his restag-

ing, while Madama Butterfly, Elektra and Salome were virtu-

productions. Anderson was sometimes asked to recreate Covent Garden productions for theatres abroad: there was Billy Budd in San Francisco (1978), Macbeth in Pretoria, Peter Grimes in Seattle (1983), and King Priam at the Herodes Atticus Theatre in Athens. King Priam, also re-vived at Covent Garden in 1985 mior lan

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in celebration of Tippett's 80th birthday, was originally staged by Sam Wanamaker, and Anderson brought the production vividly to life, as he had done earlier with Wanamaker's controversial staging of La forza dei destino. In 1986 Anderson accompanied his wife, the soprano Josephine Barstow, on a trip to Georgia, Russia and Lutvia.



Anderson: staff produce: Photograph: Reg Wilson

She sang Tosca in Tolisi, at the Bolshoi in Moscow and in Riga, where she also sang Lady Macbeth.

After his retirement from Covent Garden, Ande Anderson became a farmer in Sussex, where he raised cattle, but his familiar figure was still frequently to be seen at the Royal Opera, English National Opera, or any other theatre . where his wife was singing.

Elizabeth Forbes

Alan ("Ande") Anderson, opera producer: born South Shields 18 September 1917; married first Josephine Veasey (one son, one daughter, marriage dissolved); second 1969 Josephine Barstow;

### Veronica Guerin purple outfit with full sleeves. She had taken particular care Rosemary (Ray) Howard-Jones, versations were invariably

The crime reporter Veronica Guerin, who was gunned down in an apparent reprisal attack by Dublin gangland assassins yesterday, was as fearless a reporter as it was possible to imagine. She had also crammed careers in business and politics, and afamily, into her 36 years.

Egypt was ruled by Nasser's sharp-witted character, where Free Officers Organisation. Lat- she was to be based for most of er on. Abu-Seif was accused of the next 18 month turning against realism and go- writing freelance for Irish newsing for the box office instead by papers and reporting for the adapting soft-porn novels, for Irish television service RTE.

She came from a large Done-(1957), which starred the Arab gal and Dublin family and grew world's then most popular up in the Artane district in north Dublin. Though a late entrant to journalism, she made up for Egyptian arts scholars like this with a driven energy. Con-



She first appeared at the Independent's Dublin office in early 1991, a doughty and white

interrupted by her two telephones. Few days passed without her making 50 or 60 calls.

Initially she used her accountants training and business expertise to take fraud reporting to a new level of detail - she had earlier worked in PR and in travel businesses. Damien Kiberd, her then editor on the Sunday Business Post in Dublin. said, "I have never met a reporter so unrelenting in pursuit

minimal notice to South Africa, London or Nigeria to pursue a key witness. The strength of her approach was also her biggest risk. She craved first-hand detail and showed little regard for her personal safety in chasing those she deemed central to a story. Gardai and police forces abroad

gave her detailed information. She made the acquaintance of many of Dublin's most active professional criminals. Her subects ranged from Tipperary farmers who dabbled in high and dubious finance, to heads of long-standing armed robbery families to the major heroin dealers in Ireland. She had also become involved in

respected her diligence and

reporting IRA activity.

She was politically wellconnected, serving as personal assistant to the then Fianna Fail leader Charles Haughey in 1983 during the New Ireland Forum. She was a family friend, and took Mediterranean holidays with the younger Haugheys. In 1987 she served as election agent and party treasurer in Dublin North for Haughey's son Sean, who later took over his father's Dail seat. Her husband Graham, with whom she had a son, now five, was best man at the wedding of another son.

She loved high-level gossip, retailing choice and barbed anecdotes from the corridors of power. Though absorbed by crime reporting, she hankered for political journalism and had she lived her forensic eye and tremendous energy would have been expressed in that field too.

Her other big passion was soccer and most mornings began with a dissection of the foot-ball pages. Once an Irish women's soccer (and basketball) international, she also played senior level camogie (women's hurling). She often travelled abroad to Irish soccer internationals during the Charlton years. Her hero was the Manchester United star Eric Cantona, and her prized possession a photograph taken with him on a visit to Old Trafford.

Alan Murdoch

Veronica Guerin, journalist: born 15 July 1959; married Graham Turley (one son); died Dublin 26

### Births, Marriages & Deaths

**DEATHS** 

MILLER: Harold, beloved husband of MILLER: Harroto, deloved hisband of Wendy, disd in Southampton General Hospital, on 22 June. Private crema-tion. Donations to British Heart Foundation, 33 High Street, Ticchurst TNS 7AS.

MEMORIAL SERVICES MALLETT: A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Peter Mallett will be held on Tuesday 23 July at 12 noon in the Guards' Chapel, Birdcage Walk, Lon-don SW1.

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### Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. G. Deakin and Miss S. E. J. Wray

Edith Ellen (Bunny) and the late Wal-lace Gordon Deakin, of Park Street, St Albans, and Susan (Sugar), only daughter of Richard and Pamela Wray, of Ipswich. The wedding will take place at Holy Trinity Church,

Birthdays

family, Abu-Seif graduated

from the Cairo College of Com-

merce and Economics in 1932,

while at the same time working

as a freelance reporter follow-

ing movie stars. But it was at his

day job as a clerk in a factory

that he met the Egyptian film-

maker Niazy Mustapha, who

was on a shoot there. Mustapha

In 1939, Abu-Seif won a

scholarship to study film in

Paris. Within five years of his re-

turn in 1942, he had estab-

made him a film editor.

The engagement is announced between Terence Gordon, only son of Frogmore, on 3 August 1996, at

Mr Michael Alison MP, Second Church Estates Commissioner, 70; The Right Rev Leonard Ashton. Honorary Assistant Bishop, Oxford, S1; Mr Eustace Braithwaite, writer and diplomat, 74; Mr Tommy Cannon, comedian, 58; Mr David Cleiland MP 53: Mr Alan Coren, author. journalist and broadcaster, 58; The Most Rev Maurice Couve de Murville, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, 67; Miss Brenda Cowderoy, former general secretary, Girls' Friendly Society, 71; Professor Michael Dummett, Wykeham Professor Emeritus of Logic, Oxford University, 71; Miss Shirley Ann Field, actress, 58; Mr Robin Guthrie, director of Social and Economic Affairs, Council of Europe, 59; Vice-Admiral Sir Roy Halliday, 73; Mr Rupert Hambro, former group managing director, J.O. Ham-bro, 53; Lord Hope of Craighead. Lord Justice-General of Scotland, 58; Mr Bruce Johnston, singer, 52; Mr Ian Lang MP, President of the Board of Trade, 55; Mr Bruce McGowan,

former Headmaster, Haberdashers' Aske's School, 72; Miss Muriel Pavlow, actress, 74: Mr Eric Richard, actor, 56; Dr Thurstan Shaw, archaeologist, 82; The Very Rev Alan Warren, Provost Emeritus of Leicester, 64; Mr William Wilson, Chief Constable, Central Scotland, 53: Mr. Hugh Wood, composer. 64; Mr Ter-ence Wynn, MEP. 50.

Anniversaries Births: Charles Stewart Parnell, Irish

nationalist leader, 1846; Sir John Monash, engineer and general, 1865; Helen Adams Keller, blind, deaf and mute scholar and teacher, 1880. Deaths: James Lewis Macie Smithson, scientist and founder of the Smithsonian Institution, 1829; Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints), murdered in prison 1844. On women's magazine, was issued, 1693; Bonnie Prince Charlie, disguised as maid, escaped to Skye, 1746; the first nuclear power station was opened at Obninsk, near Moscow, 1954, Today is the Feast Day of St Cyril of Alexandria, St George Mtasmindeli, St John of Chinon, St Ladislas, king of Hungary, St Samson of Constantinople, The Martyrs of Ar-ras and St Zoilus of Cordova.

Lectures

National Gallery: Jacqueline Lewis, "Late Greats (iv): Gainsborough, Mrs Siddons", 1pm. Tate Gallery: David Rhodes, "Body

Language: Bruce Nauman", lpm.

London School of Economics (LSE Housing Annual Lecture), London WC2: Professor W. Julius Wilson "Are American Ghetto Trends Emerging in Europe?", 5.30pm.

lim Church in Egypt. His first that he could not invent a sto-film, Number 6 (1942), a black ry by himself. But his "realism"

ploitation of families hit by a a progressive political message

Luncheons Mid-Atlantic Club /

**English-Speaking Union** Mr Peter Mandelson MP was the guest of honour and speaker at a hin-cheon held jointly by the Mid-Atlantic Club and the English-Speaking Union yesterday at the English-Speaking Union, Dartmouth House, London W1. He spoke about his book, The Blair Revolution: can New Labour deliver? Mr Alan Lee Williams was in the chair.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth was in the chair at a lecture and dinner discussion held yesterday evening at the Royal So-ciety, London SW1. Professor Sir Robert May, Professor G.K. Radda and Mr John Parry spoke on "A For-ward Look at Science, Technology and Engineering".

Leonard Cheshire Foundation

The Annual General Meeting of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation was held yesterday at the Foundation's headquarters, London SW1. The appointment of Baroness Ryder of reaw as the Foundation's first President was announced. Lady Ryder, British Museum: Stuart Blackburn,
"The Rama Story in the Shadow Puppet Theatre of South India", 1.15pm.

founder of the Sue Ryder Foundation, is the widow of the late Gp Capt Leonard Cheshire VC.

## Mortgage set aside for undue influence

NV v Burch; Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Millett, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas) 20 June 1996

A relationship of trust and confidence between an employee and her employer was capable of giving rise to a pre-sumption of undue influence in the context of a mortgage entered into by the employee as security for the employer's

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff, Credit Lyonnais Bank Nederland NV, against the decision of Mr Recorder Harrod, sitting in Willesden County Court on 13 November 1995, who dismissed the bank's claim against the defendant, Helen Burch. The claim was for possession of her flat and repayment of debts under a mortgage entered into as security for the debts of her employer, Andrea Pelosi, and his company,

AP International Travel Ltd (API). Kathryn Purkis (Blake Lapthorn & Co. Fareham) for the bank; Yvonne Green (Beauchamps) for Miss Burch.

Lord Justice Nourse said that Pelosi had either prepared her sible debt of £270,000, an em-Miss Burch, then aged 18, be-reply or told her what to say. ployee of his company who had

LAW REPORT

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gan working for Mr Pelosi in 1982. He was 10 years older and she trusted him. As well as working for him by day, she did baby-sitting at his home in the evenings and visited the family at weekends and for holidays

in Italy. In June 1990 his tour oper-ating company, API, for which she was then working, was in fi-nancial difficulties. Mr Pelosi asked her to put up her flat, which she had bought in 1985, as collateral security for API's overdraft with the plaintiff bank. She agreed to do so.

The bank's solicitors, Belmont & Lowe, wrote to Miss Burch, advising her to take separate legal advice about the documents she would sign and the potential risks of doing so. Miss Burch wrote back stat-

ing she was fully aware of the implications of the transaction. "I also understand that such guarantee is unlimited both in time and amount, and I wish to offer such guarantee on this basis."

The recorder found that Mr

The transaction was duly completed on 3 August 1990. The obligations assumed by Miss Burch were onerous in the

API's financial difficulties were not resolved and it went into liquidation. Mr Pelosi's house was sold and he went to live in Italy. The bank, having unsuccessfully pursued him for the company's debts, proceeded against Miss

In her defence she alleged, inter alia, that she had been induced to enter into the legal charge through the undue influence which Mr Pelosi had exerted over her, and that the bank or its solicitors were on notice, actual or constructive,

The recorder found that there existed between Mr relationship of trust and confidence as to raise a presump-tion of undue influence. The bank knew that Mr Pelosi was putting forward, as the provider of collateral security for a pos-

no interest in it as shareholder or director. He held that that was notice of facts which put

the bank on inquiry.

The astonishing feature of this case was that under the terms of the legal charge Miss Burch was required not simply to pledge her home as security for a £20,000 extension to ÁPI's overdraft; she was required to guarantee without limit repayment of all API's borrowings from the bank. past, present and future, to-gether with interest, commission, charges, legal and other

On these facts, a case could well have been made for setting it aside as an unconscionable bargain. The unconscionability of the transaction was still of direct materiality to the case on undue influence. Since it was so manifestly disadvantageous to Miss Burch, the bank could not be said to have taken reasonable steps to avoid being Pelosi and Miss Burch such a fixed with constructive notice of Mr Pelosi's undue influence over her when neither had the potential extent of her liability been explained to her nor had she received independent

Paul Magrath, Barrister

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# Major launches a defence of the indefensible

he didn't claim to be a constitutional expert; and then, in the course of a lengthy speech, wholly substantiated his claim. Since this speech will help to set the terms of the next election campaign, it deserves close scrutiny. It began from the assumption that the British constitution was "vibrant and robust." We disagree.

To see why we need a roll-call of constitutional change in the Tory years. The powers and relative autonomy of local government have been swept away; under Margaret Thatcher and John Major more than 150 Acts of Parliament diminishing local councils have been passed into law and some £24bn of public expenditure has been moved to unelected quangos. Was this, to quote Mr Major last night, a "footprint in our nation's story" designed to win "the affections of the British people"?

Of the 5,520 unelected bodies exercising executive functions on behalf of government, some 4,700 are operating locally. Some have been quietly effective; others have been grotesquely ineffective; almost all lack proper accountability. Is this really "organic" and "wise" evolution? Or is it, rather, a centralist coup?

Two years ago, a shadow system of regional government for England appeared, when 10 senior civil servants were appointed as bureaucratic 'viceroys" to oversee policy on trans-

ast night John Major told Britain port, the environment, industry and employment, spending some £4bn. Was this wise? Mr Major said yesterday that English regional government was no good, asking, "what are the regions? How do we define them?" Leaving the merits of regionalism aside, he should be aware that his own civil servants have the answer.

Then there are the national quangos which have huge power, such as the Funding Agency for Schools, which can close down schools, open them, change their character, enlarge them or shrink them, without any reference to local people's wishes. This has been described by a free-market theorist as "an extraordinary range of dictatorial powers". Another example of giving people what they want; or the power of

Then there is Parliament and the bal-lot, the heart of our democracy. The polls show deep levels of cynicism and hostility to the whole business. Under the first-past-the-post system, very few of us actually shape the result - only those who happen to be swing voters in marginal constituencies. Some party strategists, targeting those voters, reckon that only 500,000 voters really matter. Is it really pointless fiddling to reopen the old question about how we vote? Or is it merely inconvenient, if you happen to be a Conservative minister, used to winning power on a minority of the votes cast?



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The Commons itself is the gleaming, glorious cathedral of the Tory case against constitutional change. Yet the ommons has not proven itself to be an effective or vigilant eye over govemments; and this government has treated Parliament at times with contempt. It has rammed through complicated and disastrous legislation without proper debate. Bills have arrived at their final stages in ragged and incoherent form. Select committees have been blandly ignored or refused proper

MPs have taken money to ask ques-tions. Ministers have misled MPs with-

out apologising, never mind resigning. The administration has moved, increasingly, to reveal important initiatives in radio and television studios, rather than in the chamber. If John Major really feels humbly impressed by the accumulated wisdom and experience of British parliamentarianism, all one can say is that he seems to have a funny way

of expressing it.

Last night he said there was no need for a Bill of Rights because it would "diminish Parliament's historic role as the defender of individual freedoms... the supremacy of the elected representatives of the people in Parliament would - for the first time since the 17th century - be eroded. Is that really the way we want to go?"

This is extraordinary stuff. Mr Major is presumably feigning lack of knowledge of some of the most important constitutional developments under successive Conservative administrations, including the effect of the European Convention on Human Rights and the arrival of European Community law after 1971 which has been, in key respects, supreme. The parliamentary "erosion" Mr Major says he fears in the future is already history, and became so while he was happily in office.

In the Lords, a cast of hereditary peers make us the last country in the world to use bloodstock as part of our legislative process. The upper House should have been properly reformed in 1911, when Britain was promised a second chamber "on a popular instead of a hereditary basis". We are still waiting. Last night the Prime Minister said that the thing about the Lords was that "it works". We wonder how many debates there he has read or sat through recently.

Next comes Scotland. It was the Conervatives who produced a devolved bureaucracy without a legislature in Edinburgh. Throughout the Tory years. the Scots have voted in favour of their own assembly or parliament, by a large margin, consistently and repeatedly. If this is frustrated, it may eventually lead to a nationalist breakaway. It seems, however, that Scotland's more modest democratic desire is considered less interesting by Mr Major than any anomalies it would create at Westminster. For the Tories, the Scottish majority is merely a British minority which ought to belt up.

This doesn't hold for those Irish-British minorities whose political voice has been amplified by bombing and murder, Mr Major's blander explanation of the difference in approach was unconvincing. Last night he asserted that constitutional change "is driven by what people want". That depends, it seems, on where those people live.

The Prime Minister's modest, middle-of-the-road position on European integration was the part of his speech that sounded the most plausible and sensible. But it was like a few calm words spoken in the teeth of an uprising; all around him the Conservative Party is riven on the subject. None of what he said makes him a

cynical man. He was speaking as the leader of a party that has dramatically centralised and commercialised the constitution, ignoring inconvenient facts and people. But he may well not realise how badly damaged our system has become. His speech was a romantic defence of what we believe has become indefensible. It was a rousing call to battle. The only trouble is, it's a battle he richly deserves to lose.

## • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### Xenophobia: more sad than serious

Sir. The way in which foreigners, and especially just now Germans, are coarsely mocked in the popular press makes me long for some really distinguished and reany distinguished and internationally respected British public figure, – a retired statesmen like Douglas Hurd, for example, or Edward Heath – to write an open letter to the editor of a few leading German newspapers explaining that this apparent xenophobia is not as dangerous as it seems, and Lay be more sad than serious. Such a letter might make these points: To the ordinary British mind,

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foreigners seem funny. Our national brands of humour and satire have rested heavily, for hundreds of years, on the perceived funniness of foreigners. This is no doubt rude and regrettable and increasingly risky, now that our country is half-a-century into an era of unstoppable internationalisation, but it is a fact of our insular culture, and one might hopefully reckon that at any rate it is better than finding foreigners, first of all, unpleasant; which I don't believe we any longer

Amazing as it may seem, the way in which the Second World War is popularly perceived makes it partly funny too. The references made to the war in tabloid shock tactics is grossly tasteless and must strike Germans as hostile, but I don't believe it usually is meant to be so. Of course it signifies ignorance and irresponsibility and a sort of grownup childishness, but it can be explained as a consequence of our very peculiar the Second World War experience.

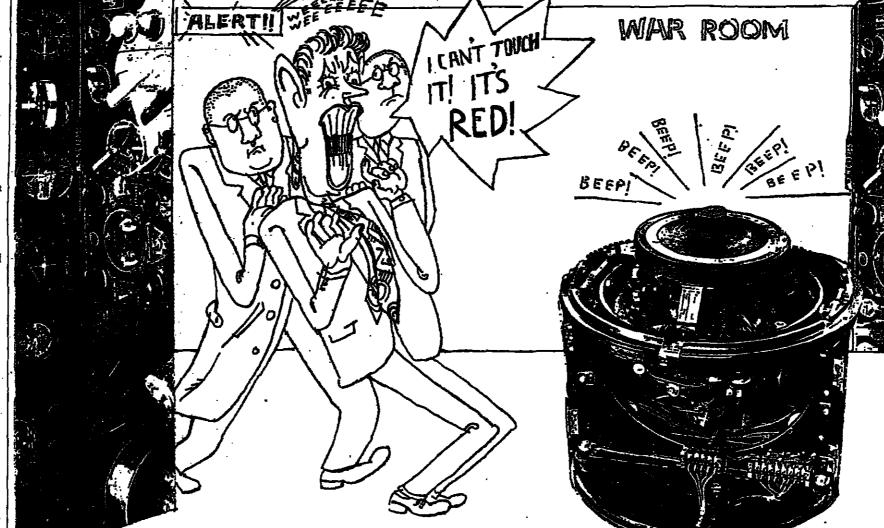
Our rather relaxed popular perception of that war is, necessarily, untroubled by recalled direct experience of such un-funny things as totalitarian government, material destruction on scales unexampled even in Coventry and the City of London, casualties on scales unimaginable to ourselves, and finally, the humiliation of

enemy occupation.
Insular "winners" who happened to do it with relatively little hardship, and who have subsequently been allowed by their governments to saunter uninstructed into community with Continental former allies and enemies who, some of them, suffered much more and who cannot find any fun in their memories, must hope for a little sympathetic indulgence.

Of course one would prefer prominent persons in our present government to take the lead in apologising for our xenophobes, but by now I have to believe that the best we can hope for from them GEOFFREY BEST Oxford

Sir: Your front page story strikes exactly the right note ("Don't be beastly to the Germans", 25 June). There is no point inciting xenophobic feelings towards our neighbours and trading partners, and then complaining that the European club constantly seeks to exclude us. It is hypocritical to use the language of the thugs one moment and condemn their

violence the next. The English are world champions when it comes to dreaming nostalgically about golden-ages-that-never-were. We should admire the courage and forward-looking approach of the Germans, who have built a



Blair says he's prepared to press the nuclear button. Or would he?

civilised and prosperous country out of the ruins of 1945. We should be looking to the demanding and challenging future, not including in barren, backward-looking

Tough, honest competition will characterise our domestic and international future. That will mean playing an intelligent and constructive role within Europe. Ignorance, prejudice and irresponsibility will only ensure that Little England has a little

future. JO GARDINER Campaign Manager
The Industrial Society London WI

Sir: This morning I tried an experiment to discover whether the xenophobia of some politicians and tabloid newspapers was having any effect on primary school children ("Don't be beastly to the

Germans", 25 June).
At the school assembly I asked those who thought the Germans were our enemies to point in one direction, and those who thought they were our friends to point the other way. The majority of pupils indicated that they thought the

Germans were our enemies. Politicians and newspaper editors need to be aware of the corrupt moral values with which they are infecting our children. They are making the job of responsible teachers and parents

impossibly difficult. Clearly the sins of the fathers are being visited on our children, and storing up mindless hatred which could cause untold damage in years to come.

The Rev Dr T AMBROSE Cambridgeshire

Sir. The British public may have been concerned about the German threat after 1906 (letters, 22 June) but this attitude did not extend to the

lower deck in the Royal Navy. As any (old) naval officer can tell you, when, between the wars, ships of the Royal Navy and the German Navy were in port together, the ship's companies usually got along famously. But if a ship of the US Navy was also in port, there was fighting in every bar, often with the British and the Germans in alliance G P ALLEN Eaton Bishop, Hereford

Sir: How many Britons have any idea what an utterly disastrous impression the treatment of Euro 96 by the popular press is making abroad. Its coverage is seen to be not just bigoted and ignorant, but positively fascist, in its derision of foreigners simply by virtue of their not being British. In the rest of Europe sport is treated as sport. In Britain we are determined not to shake off the hangover of empire.
Professor HENRY ETTINGHAUSEN La Pera, Spa

Sir: In these days of "German bashing" I can only congratulate the German government on taking a stand against China by passing a resolution condemning China's human rights abuses in Tibet (report. 24 June). We may want to feel superior to the Germans, but what greater sign of superiority can there be than standing by your convictions, even in the face of losing a substantial trade partner. JUSTIN SOLOMON

### Rights of asylum seekers

Sir: The Government should not be seeking to amend the Asylum and Immigration Bill now nearing its final stages in the House of Lords ("Lilley attempts to reverse asylum ruling", 25 June). Rather, it should withdraw the Bill entirely and take this opportunity to reflect on and amend its entire approach towards the right of asylum.

In common with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Government's own Social Security Advisory Committee (SSAC) and all agencies working with and on behalf of those seeking asylum in the UK, the Court of Appeal has concluded that the Social Security Regulations enacted in February "have the effect of rendering (genuine refugees') ostensible statutory right to a proper consideration of their claims

valueless in practice". Whatever ministers may say about their aim of "discouraging bogus asylum-seekers", the regulations make no attempt to discriminate between genuine and "bogus" asylum ciaims. Accordingly, and as the Court of Appeal has emphasised, "it can hardly be doubted that some genuinė asylum-seekers, as well as bogus ones, are likely to be deterred by penuty from pursuing their claims and thus be forced to return to the very persecution

which they have sought to escape."
In response, Mr Lilley has claimed that the Court of Appeal

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ruled only on the "narrow" issue that primary legislation should have been used. In fact, the Court's decision was found on the ground that "rights necessarily implicit in the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 are now inevitably being overborne (by the regulations)" and "Parliament cannot have intended a significant number of genuine asylum-seekers to be impaled on the horns of so intolerable a dilemma: the need either to abandon their claims to refugee status or alternatively to maintain them as best they can but in a state of utter destitution".

The fact that one arm of the Government's two-fold attack on the right of asylum should be found so wanting by the courts raises serious questions about the second: the Asylum and Immigration Bill. As with the regulations, the Bill was introduced without the benefit of prior consultation with those who have to make the asylum process work, let alone a White Paper.

It is the view of many of those with experience of asylum matters that the Bill's provisions are as unworkable as they are unjust. What is needed is a sensible and properly-resourced procedure that can fully resolve asylum cases both fairly and expeditiously – thus minimising the burden on public funds.

The Court of Appeal has provided an opportunity to pause and reflect - to the benefit of the taxpayer as well as the refugee. RICHARD DUNSTAN Refugee Office Amnesty International London EC1

### Bizarre system of colonial rule

Sir: Dr Steve Kisely (letters, 24 June) cites the administrative systems of the condominium of the New Hebrides as a possible precedent for the introduction of similar arrangements in Northern

It is true that in the New Hebrides there were parallel British and French administrative structures, but few with personal experience of the condominium (o the pandemonium, as it was otherwise known) would agree that the system "worked tolerably well"

Administration on the ground was hampered by a lack of common purpose in Paris and London. frustration and delay were the order of the day, and New Hebrideans had no say in the creation of what was a bizarre system of divisive colonial rule. It has proved an unhappy legacy for the young republic of Vanuatu. RICHARD DORMAN Chairman

British Friends of Vanuatu Cheam, Surrey

### Wireless fans

Sir. Miles Kington has really got his comics in a twist ("Cheer up! I didn't mean to drive you mad", 25 June). Arthur Askey was the him the one who did not say "give him the money, Barney". It was, in tabloid terms, Wilfred Pickles who had a relationship with both Mabel and

Wireless fans everywhere must be feeling "proper poorly" (Reg Dixon of the same era). STANLY ROSE Edgware

### No reason for parents to worry

Sir: It is refreshing to read someone who, for once, does not advocate protecting children (Stuart Walton: Let us not make children afraid of ife", 25 June).

When we look at the facts there appears to be no reason for parents to worry. There are 12 million children in Britain. Fatal accidents are down to less than 700 a year. Ninety five per cent of parents are worried that their children might be abducted or murdered yet there were only 206 abductions in 1992, almost all of which were by

estranged parents. It is hard to keep fears for our children under control when we are frequently bombarded with health and safety campaigns to make us aware of the seemingly innumerable threats facing children. Most of these campaigns are unnecessary and only serve to heighten parents' fears, creating an parents alike. WENDY EARLE

KATE MOORCOCK Families Need Freedom London N6 Sir: I applaud Stuart Walton.

Children grow up, acquire autonomy, and make their own decisions about what is safe and what is hazardous. If we shelter them from making decisions about risk in childhood, they lack this learning experience and are less able to see consequences. When children play they often fall over. If they do not get a chance to graze a knce or break a wrist they are less well educated.

The experiences they go through in playing teach nearly all children how to make adult judgements about risk. Some don't learn, and, tragically, some parents lose a child. If all children lived in well uphoistered cages, none would have accidents. I don't want to live in that zoo because I was brought up in the real, hard, world. LAURIE van SOMEREN Cambridge

### Tory fallacy

Sir: The fact that Tristan Garel-Jones (26 June) uses "Middle England". even tongue in cheek, as "an allembracing term to include Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland – anywhere outside SW1" explains the fallacy at the root of Tory resistance to constitutional reform.

This fallacy is that Britain is a homogeneous country with only one type of person – Middle Englanders – living in it and that we can afford a constitutional set-up which assumes uniformity. If this were ever true, it is certainly not so now. We need modernised arrangements which explicitly allow for diversity and pluralism, through decentralisation, a Bill of Rights and voting reform.

There is a better chance of containing, and creatively harnessing, strains and conflicts if the system frankly acknowledges divergences rather than imposes an artificial unity, and provides mechanisms to broker disputes and distribute and share power. A centralised first-past-the-post power monopoly which refuses to cater for differences will keep the lid on the cauldron - for a while but at a cost to harmony, opportunity and real unity.

"Unity in diversity" is a more fruitful basis on which to enter the 21st century than the pretence of Middle England, the allembracing term". SARAH LUDFORD

London NI

# The delivery man

### Donald Macintyre and Diane Coyle meet Kenneth Clarke

tion in Kenneth Clarke s voice as he challenges one of the dominant conventional wisdoms of British politics; that his party has swung so far to the right that he is now the only ers. "It's funny how the lucky one-nation, left-wing Tory remaining in the Cabinet. It's an analysis, he clearly believes, that depends on a fundamental misunderstanding of the flimsiness of the new right's rhetoric, on the one hand, and of his own personality and career on the other. This is Kenneth Clarke. Chancellor of the Exchequer, a true Conservative, we are meeting today.

It doesn't mean, of course, that Clarke, proud as ever to say that he has been "as constant as the Northern star". has changed his politics; quite the opposite. Rather that while some of the new young right have been talking a good game on public spending, for example, it's Clarke who has been

What's more, wasn't he vigorous in reforming the NHS and the education sector? Didn't he battle for reforms of the police, and wasn't he working hand in glove with Peter Lilley to reform social security?

'I find the view rather comic that people like me, with a track record of right-wing economics and pretty radical social reform and Europeanism based on subsidiarity, free trade and all the rest of it, are regarded as left wing." By contrast, he says challengingly: "The socalled new right is rather more noise than substance."

Some Tories have wishfully suggested that the public sector should be confined to 35 per cent, or even less, of GDP. It's absurd to depict him as a softie on public spending, he says.

"All I can say is this government has worked hard to get to 42 per cent, and approaching 40 per cent has required a tougher approach to public spending than I can recall. Some of the people who are very noisy on the subject were not, as I recall, very helpful when they actually held responsibility for these

A cloud of cigar smoke hovers a few feet above him in his office in the Treasury. He is, by his own account, feeling a little fractious after two solid hours ploughing through a large backlog of constituency correspondence, which he has always insisted on answering personally throughout his min-

here's a hint of the question of whether, hav-cheerful exaspera- ing inherited a post-Black Wednesday recovery, he has had more luck than judgement as Chancellor. His favourite football story, he says, is the one about the manager players are the ones who trained hard and took it seriously." The implication is that he has spent the past three years bringing the economy to peak pre-election fitness, and it has involved a lot of hard

Clarke does not want an autumn election. He discloses for the first time that when John Major appointed him in 1992, he told him that he would be Chancellor until at least the next election. "Therefore, I was quite interested in what conditions would be like in late 1996 and early 1997."

In the same breath that he insists Tony Blair has every reason to be "alarmed" by the way that the fundamentals of steady low interest rates, low inflation and higher personal disposable income will play for the Tories, he gives 12 months as the time scale over which he believes the opinion polls could move "very substantially".

Given that the Chancellor has gone out of his way to argue that the public will see through a pre-election bribe, does history really vindicate his view that a fiscally orthodox budget can be a vote-winner?

Didn't Maudling's last giveaway budget nearly win the Tories the 1964 election? And didn't Roy Jenkins' austere budget lose the 1970 election for Labour? Not at all, says Clarke. In 1964, the Tories were defeated by the high mortgage interest rates and inflation caused by Maudling's dash for growth. Jenkins, by contrast, "damned nearly won the election in 1970. What should have been a walkover for the Conservatives in 1970 was a damn close-run thing."

It sounds almost as if he is saving regretfully that Labour unfairly lost the 1970 election. Laughing, he says no, of course not. How could he think that about an election that brought him into Parliament?

Clarke points out that in any would take apart a government that was behaving irresponsibly. But surely he believes - as his Cabinet colleagues do - that the markets will allow for some fiscal irresponsibility because they want a Tory election vic-

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Peak fitness: Kenneth Clarke has worked hard to get the economy ready for an election

Chancellor admits - "but I am not going to be irresponsible", he adds quickly.

As with tax cuts, so with interest rates. Some commentators have already concluded that Mr Clarke cares as much about growth as inflation. He denies it: "I do not set monetary policy to jack up the growth rate." If he can use interest rates to give a bit of help on that front he will, but the inflation target remains dominant.

is pretty right wing on economic policy, that he is an orthodox chancellor. This goes to the heart of his political value system. He doesn't say so, but he is reclaiming the term right wing from those neo-Thatchisterial career. But he warms to tory? Well up to a point, the erite backbenchers who want

seemingly unlimited cuts in taxes and interest rates, and he uses the term in the older Tory, almost Peter Thorneycroft sense of fiscal and monetary responsibility. "I use the language of market economics which was politically impolitic in the Seventies when I was just

It is, nevertheless, an orthodoxy that will be put to the test. The Bank's Governor, Eddie George, having opposed the will advise an increase in interest rates if he thinks the latest economic figures are starting to hint at higher inflation some way in the future. Mr Clarke lives more for the moment. He says: "What I do not do is try to work out at what stage that situation will occur. And it will occur sooner or later in the economic cycle. But you can't guess too far out."

He claims success as his vindication: "Over the past 30 years ... it is astonishing that recent movements of interest rates have been in such a narrow band. That is a very successful monetary policy.

The Chancellor is, self-confessedly, "boastful" - without being complacent, he is careful to add - about government spending and taxation policies. At a time when the City is hom-

target for government borrowing set last Budget, this is characteristically fighting talk.

The Clarke defence is that the Treasury's forecast for tax revenues was as good as anybody's, but there has been a shortfall. On the spending front, he has delivered better than any Chancellor in the past 30 years. "It is a long time since a government hit its spending targets on the button for three

The so-called new right is rather more noise than substance

years in a row," he says. He points out, with characteristic bluntness, that his predecessors found it easier to fudge in the days when inflation was high, and so much more of the economy was in the public sector. By contrast, he says, he is operating in a liberal, privatised economy with low inflation - a climate in which such fudging is

He insists of his promise to eliminate borrowing in the medium term: "I propose to make the medium term a realing in on the near-impossibility ity." And he threatens - as targets, for example) or that the of meeting this year's £22.5bn ever - a tough public spending ones they do are not so much

round. But there are two essential pieces of the public finance arithmetic that could upset his calculations.

First, the private finance inisource of funds for investment in infrastructure projects such as roads and hospitals, has ground to a halt this year. "I am quite determined that the PFI will not stall. People's impatience is understandable, but they will see a strong flow of prove the sceptics wrong," he

The other question-mark hangs over future privatisation revenues. Some ministers are now pushing for the sale of Channel 4 - a nice choice, as most people do not even realise it is in the public sector. The Chancellor refuses to be drawn on whether it will, or should, go ahead. However, he stresses that it should not be allowed to become "just some routine channel showing cartoons and chat shows". In his view, Channel 4's role in raising the standards for commercial TV, and its public service remit, must be

To win, the party has to drive home the message that new Labour either has no answers (on corporate taxation, higher rates of direct tax or inflation

new Labour as "old-fashioned social democrat". He adds: "They threaten our labour market with social legislation that the average German businessman would be delighted to get

rid of." But his party also has to end its own divisions over Europe. Ridiculing suggestions in the "Eurosceptic press" that he himself is a federalist, he says that to unite behind a referen-

Clarke wants an election next May when the polls will move their way

dum promise on EMU and the IGC White Paper is the obvious and only sensible thing to do with European policy.

Loyally, he says that the policy of non-co-operation actually succeeded in its objective of securing a programme for ending the beef ban but, equally clearly, he doesn't want to see it lightly repeated. "It would be positively counter-productive if you started using it too frequently and too casually on every issue.

Back to the theme of the day, Clarke bats away the leadership question by remarking ruefully

of his own period as the man who could become prime minister at any moment that "wriffups and write-downs" of people fluctuate like economic forecasts and shouldn't be taken too seriously. He adds that it is probably better to be thought of as the next leader but one. although he may be "getting a bit old for that".

That's all he has to say about the future leadership. But he remains bullishly certain that be in his Tory credentials. "I was a Thatcher minister promoted by Margaret step by step by step a bit slowly at first but rapidly at the end - throughout her entire period of office. So, for some of the younger guys, who fancy themselves in the House of Commons, to describe me as left wing in the name of what

they imagine are right-wing

Conservative policies is rather

"I agree with Margaret Thatcher, I don't believe that the party has jurched to the right. It seems to me that most of the people I regard as being on the extreme right spend their time complaining that it hasn't." As Clarke himself observes, he does not slip rightwing rhetoric into his speeches. He is happy to admit to being a "little less diplomatic" than some of his colleagues, and he stands by his own judgement.

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In front of a TV set. What - not by going to Wim-bledon and seeing it in person? My dear - have you been to Wimbledon? Yes. I think so. How did you get there? Well, I got a Circle Line train to Earl's Court, then I changed to a District Line train, which

Exactly.

But lots of people do go to Wimbledon to watch the tennis. don't they?

unfortunately turned out to be the Richmond train, so I went

back to Earl's Court ...

Oh yes. But that's only so they can say they have been to Wimbledon. And to make the people with debentures and inherited tickets feel good. If nobody at all had to queue to get in, the people who already had tickets in their pockets wouldn't feel good about

sweeping in. As a matter of interest who does go to Wimbledon? Do you want a statistical breakdown?

OK, here we go. Ten per loo.

What is the best way to watch Wimbledon? cent of people have queued to get in and paid out of their own pocket, 21 per cent have inherited their tickets from their ancestor, the Duke of Debenture, 19 per cent have got theirs from someone who knows somebody (and paid twice the going rate), 23 per cent are mothers, fathers, coaches and sweethearts of people on court, 20 per cent are corporate guests who never get to see any tennis at all and 7 per cent are people who queued for three hours at

> tickets for Evita but got Wimbledon tickets instead. Gosh - is Evita still running? No. That's why they got Wimbledon tickets instead. So the best way to watch

a West End box office to get

Wimbledon is in front of a TV? Right. You get the best view, the best tennis and the best expertise. Best of all, at home you can go to the loo whenever you want to and not have to queue, unless you live very close to the Wimbledon All-England Tennis Courts and people keep knocking on your door wanting to go to the



Miles Kington

What is the second-best way of watching Wimbledon?
With a TV in the next room. I'm sorry - I don't think [

Well, the advantage of having Wimbledon on in another room is that it gives you a high-lights-only service. After a while, sitting in front of a TV, you find you don't want to watch every stroke, just the big points, so what you do is go back to the kitchen or study or wherever you're working, and leave the telly on with the sound turned up quite loud, so that you can hear the crowd roar whenever something exciting happens. Then you rush through for the replay.

Nothing good is ever left unre-

played. Or anything bad, come to that. ... But what hap-

pens if I do want to sit down

and watch a particular Wim-bledon match on TV at home? You are kidding yourself. Nobody ever watches the match they switched on to watch. Either it is on another court, and you can hear the crowd in the background, or it is already over. No, when you switch on you are almost certain to watch a match between two people you have never heard of before, let us say the little-fancied Swiss player Gallet, and an Australian called

Roger & Gallet. Made-up ames, huh? Well, not in the case of the

soap. But certainly in the case of tennis. So what happens if I switch on and find myself watching Roger v Gallet? Obviously I

don't care who wins ... Ah, but that's where you're wrong ! As soon as you switch on to a tennis match between

two people you have never seen before, you automatically prefer one to the other. is over.

reminds you of a favourite uncle or because the other one has an annoying habit of blowing on his hands or spitting. It may be because you feel sorry for the one you like. or you fancy him - whatever it is, we all start backing one player against the other. And the weird thing is that as soon as you have started backing him, he starts losing. Nobody knows why this is, but it always happens. As soon as you express a preference for handsome dashing Roger or dark tacitum Gallet, he starts losing his grip. The commen-tator says, "something has gone out of his game for the moment", or "the confidence he showed in winning the last set has drained away, I don't know why". Well, YOU know why. It's because you have just started hoping he would

What should I do? Switch off. Just ... switch off? That's it. Till the match is over? Yes. No. Until Wimbledon

# 2,804 men, 312 women: that's progress, old boy

The report on the judicial appointments system is worthless justification, argues Patricia Wynn Davies

wo thousand eight hundred and four men. Three hundred and twelve women. That is the balance of the sexes among judges in England and Wales. So the judicial establishment had better make a few more minor adjustments to their secretive. subjective and suspect "old boys' network" system of selec-tion. Otherwise the outside world might think it biased.

That low-key warning is the upshot of months of painstaking inquiry by the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee which, subject to some suggested tweaking here and there. has given a resounding vote of confidence in the Lord Chancellor's department practice of basing appointments on secret "soundings" or "consultations" among existing judges and senior lawyers.

At best the system means that clever and suitable women, olicitors, people from nonwhite racial groups, those with cacy practices and anyone else not quite fitting the mould will continue to trickle on to the bench in markedly small numbers and, for the most part probably remain on the lower rungs of the judicial ladder.

There is only one female Court of Appeal judge and there are only seven women on the High Court bench.

The report of the Tory-dominated committee - one of the few recent examples of a group of Conservatives appearing wholeheartedly to support the Lord Chancellor - is predictable, pathetic and patronising and a barely concealed attempt to perpetuate the sta-tus quo - especially in relation to high-ranking senior posts.

Let me make it clear. The

Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, stands out from all previous holders of the office. He has genuine com-mitment to making appointments irrespective of race, sex, sexual orientation or political affiliation - and there are some noteworthy appointments to prove it.

But it is method, not motive, that is in issue. Judicial statistics still show, after years of debate - and some grudgingly conceded improvements in the procedure - the male of the judicial species constantly reproducing itself.

It has long been argued that an independent Judicial Ap-pointments Commission, staffed with lay people as well as representatives from both sides of the legal profession and with no single vested interest to pro-tect, would represent a much more objective method of recruitment to what is, after all, one of our most vital public services. Much more objective, that is, than the second-hand, even third-hand opinions that are often proffered under the current soundings system.

But, says the report, the value of the euphemistically named "consultations network" might be diminished by a commission. Well, perish the thought.

It is hard to believe that tenders, are now used in con- cent of the pool of suitable cancommerce, industry or the civil service would tolerate such an anecdotal approach which is so incapable of objective monitoring and which, for all we know, might well perpetrate numerous injustices and unfairnesses against men.

But as bad, perhaps worse, is the report's insidious special pleading for the uppermost ranks of the judiciary.

One of the few tangible recommendations is the one that says that job descriptions and selection criteria for all senior judicial offices should be drawn up without delay. But "practical" difficulties prevented ing advertisements, competition and interviews to fill the invitation-only vacancies on the

High Court bench and above. The message is tolerably clear: persistent criticism has chipped away at the old system to the extent that normally accepted practices such as advertising, which can widen the field of possible con-

junction with the "consultations" system for the lowerranking judicial jobs, with applications handled by Lord Chancellor's Department civil servants. There can be no such intrusion on the exclusive and secret right of the senior judiciary to keep control of the

appointments system.

The committee, moreover, avoided a crucial question by not extending the scope of its inquiry to the appointment of QCs - even though it accepted that appointment as a QC or "silk" is the principal route to high judicial office - again rely-ing on "consultations".

The omission, while jolly convenient for the committee, is a further, important reason why their report is worthless.

Many people think the QC
system is pretty flawed because awards of silk do not reflect increasing numbers of suitably qualified women of relevant experience at the bar. In 1995, women accounted for 16 per

didates for silk, 8.5 per cent of applicants and 5.8 per cent of all QCs appointed that year. The rate of appointment was only 0.8 per cent more than in 1991 when women formed 11 per cent of the pool and accounted for 6 per cent of applicants. That suggests strongly that in a system still stacked against them, women

are waiting to apply until they are more sure of success. Astonishingly, the committee suggests there is now less cause for women to "feel diffident" in applying for judicial appointment. At the same time ey give unquestioning backing to precisely the kind of subjective and potentially dis-criminatory "word of mouth" recruitment practice that judges have condemned when cases of sex or race discrimi-nation cases have been brought before them. Why should the judicial establishment apply such dramatically different standards to itself.

Skinner's ironic, mournful, but perennially hopeful dirge.

"Football's coming home," we all sing and home is England.

This could, of course, be an

A DISGRACEFUL AFFAIR Bianca Lamblin, trans. Julie Plovnick Northeastern University Press, \$24.95

## Ménage à trois that will not lie down

This book would not have been written had its author been true to her own belief that "intimate relationships should be kept personal." Nor was there a need for it.

Bianca Lamblin wishes to have it known that in seducing her, allowing her to believe that they both loved her and subsequently abandoning her, Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir behaved abominably. So much is already abundantiv clear to anyone who has read their correspondence.

After spending a night with Bianca Bienenfeld (as she was then called) de Beauvoir wrote to Sartre "I felt quite sickened by passion ... like foie gras (de Beauvoir found all offal disgusting) and poor quality into the bargain." To the reader, half a century on, it is the writer's betrayal of trust that is sickening.
Bienenfeld was a 16-year-old

schoolgirl when her teacher, de Beauvoir, took her up. They became lovers, Bienenfeld having been made to understand that de Beauvoir's "essential" relationship was not with her but with Sartre. The next year she met the great man himself (de Beauvoir kept her life rigidly compartmentalised). Sartre couldn't exactly be

awful development. English said to have seduced her. Her patriotism has a bad recent account of their first sex is the history. Embraced by hoolifreshest and sharpest passage of gans and Europhobes alike, it this book. On taking her to his has been an excuse for the hotel room he remarked that worst kind of petty nationalism. he had had another girl's virginity there only the previous day. "I'll never understand why Michael Portillo, with his ghastly SAS speech at last year's Tory conference, may not wish to be pigeon-holed with the average skinhead wrecker, but, frankly, he is not many pigeon-I didn't react to such boorishess" - quite. He then stripped briskly, washed his feet in the hand-basin and delivered a lecture on anatomy. And the whining of the Tory while Bienenfeld, 17 to his 33, undressed blushingly behind a curtain. For reasons this Eurosceptics is no more sensitive or realistic and frequently no less disgusting than that of account does little to illuminate the National Front. These are but which are perhaps easily the attitudes of a paranoid culenough imagined (he was, after all, an acknowledged genius) Maybe the problem is that she fell in love, thus completwe have grown so accustomed ing a triangle within which to being losers - either eco-(poor fool) she felt doubly nomically or because of our | beloved and uniquely secure. A global role as scapegoats for the year later she suffered a ner-West - that the best we can do d by both of h is the case, then this new Engtors/surrogate parents. Fifty years on she had another one, lish patriotism with its flags and songs is a good thing. For when de Beauvoir's letters were

> "You can't conceive how bored I am by these outpourings of affection on the part of

posthumously published, and she discovered what the pair

had really thought of her.

Bienenfeld, wrote de Beauvoir to Sartre after what the poor girl probably thought was a rapturous evening. After a quarrel that had been successfully defused: "We just need to take a bit of trouble and that little person will succeed in being happy without bothering us too much."

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The father and mother of Existentialism borrowed money from their teenage mistress about which she does not com-plain. What does strike her as unforgivable is their apparent indifference not only to the pain they caused her, but also to the danger she was in as a Jew.

It was 1940, Bianca's grandfather and aunt were shortly to he deported to Auschwitz, yet de Beauvoir could write to Surtre: "She's prophesying doom like a Cassandra (what's new?) and hesitating between the concentration camp and suicide, with a preference for suicide." The flippancy is not only inexcusably callous. It is also stupid.

This book is not all about de Beauvoir and Sartre, but it mostly is, as, it appears, its author's life has been. She mar-ried, had two daughters and a career as a teacher but, the way she tells it here anyway, it was only after de Beauvoir's death that she felt free of her. In the 50s she was a committed and energetic campaigner against the Algerian War but even this was important to her chiefly because "Simone de Beauvoir and I had finally found com-

mon political ground." Lamblin has done herself few favours in publishing this book. It is not well written, nor well translated, and it can only serve to attract more prurient attention her way. It will be welcomed, though, by literary gossips and future biographers. For the rest of us it contains one strikingly farcical vignette. Lamblin, concerned that one or other of her illustrious ex-lovers might put her in a novel, asked them to meet her on a bench in the Jardin du Luxembourg. She was heavily pregnant at the time, a condition both Sartre and de Beauvoir found absolutely nauseating. "It was as vous breakdown, having been if I were a slug or some other nervously straight ahead." It's a mercy for Lamblin that at least they were both present, and so neither put their revulsion into writing. Such a letter might well have constituted yet another threat to her mental stability.

**WCY HUGHES HALLET** 

# Yes, I am an Englishman

For the first time in a long time, people are willing to stand up and say it. And they should

ust two months ago, on 23 April, St George's Day, England did not celebrate. Few, if any, red crosses were seen and no parades blocked our city streets. The non-event was noted. Richard Littlejohn in the Daily Mail said it was a disgrace. The Irish jam New York with their St Patrick's Day parade, the Scots have their brave-hearts and the Welsh sing. Why do only the English feel obliged to deny their nationhood?

Two months later the flagmakers cannot produce enough red crosses. The tabloids are awash with a fever of specifi-cally English patriotism. The



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scarlet features of Gazza and the roaring face of Pearce, both transmuted into lions, have become icons of a revitalised national sensibility. An identity, formerly choked by irony and self-loathing, has been resusci-

But football is, of course, only a game, certainly more, for the moment, than a matter of life and death, but still only a game. The flags will soon be lowered. This phase will pass. Yet the new voice of England may well prove more lasting. It may be the sound of a real change in national sentiment, a change inspired in the English by a sudden impatience and weariness with the recent past.

England has always been different from Britain. Britain has Celtic overtones, evoking a land of wildness and tribalisms, a loose agglomeration of frequently conflicting identities. he idealised vision of Engand however, is a united thing a nation of villages, warm beer and peculiar tenacity. The

image of us standing alone in 1940 is an image of Spitfires doglighting over the villages of the Kentish Weald, not of a patchwork of Celtic and Saxon tribes confronting the enemy. Notice how the excesses of the tabloids in their build-up to last night's match effectively claimed World War II as an English rather than a British victory.

But the English have suf-

fered because, since that war, they have been obliged to carry the entire burden of imperial guilt. The English are, stereotypically, arrogant and superior. Hollywood, ever eager to exploit acceptable stereotypes, that it was the snobbish, effete, brutal English who oppressed the Scots. And the American sympathy for the Irish cause has always been based on the

underlying belief that the Eng-

lish were the conquering imperialists who created the prob-

lem in the first place. Globally the same image gone, but we, the English, are still the snooty conquerors and the rest of the world is still the underdog. So, in the name of entertainment, it becomes perfectly acceptable to evoke medieval conflicts to express anti-Englishness. But, in the name of sport, the English themselves are not allowed to evoke an almost contemporary war - as the Daily Mirror did this week - to express a desire to win a simple game. Of course, neither attitude is attractive, but, on the whole,

The truth about this chain of gnilt that has been hung around the English neck is that we are actually being used as the scapegoats for the entire liberal West. The West has won but it feels bad about it. We despoil the environment and destroy local cultures. Industrial modernity makes us rich but

the latter is at least coherent.

anxious. And imperialism was, above all, an expression of the triumphant industrial modernity of



ence, technology and industry and, for most of two centuries, it made us all powerful. Over the last 50 years English power has declined, but our idea of modernity has gone on to make the West all-powerful. Our system of production may have once created a now-hated empire, but it also made America and defeated

fascism and communism.

the English. We invented sci- however, is too big to make popular sense. So the English are cast into the global wilder-ness to atone. Think how hard it now is to be patriotically English. Professional Scots, Welsh, Irish, French and Amertheir idiosyncrasies, but the English cower, occasionally

making fun of themselves. scism and communism. What may be happening A collective Western guilt, now is that the English have

had enough of this. The Scots want independence, the Irish still fight us and the Welsh want to be Welsh. Perhaps the English are deciding it is time to be English. Euro 96 has, among other things, produced icans are everywhere, flaunting a popular revulsion against bland globalism - the dull, Eurotrash anthem by Simply Red, commissioned as the official theme, has been all but wiped out by Baddiel and

thing to understand anything. There are no global identities. The mythologies and iconographies of patriotism are, when not perverted by hatred or bitter irony, good, consoling and probably essential. They are ways of saying that people like to be at home, to belong. They are also expressions of confidence. Bitter losers wrap themselves in the flag, confident winners wave it.

it signals that we, as a place, still

want to win and that desire,

whether or not it is fully

expressed this time round, will

wake us from our long sleep of

For you have to be some-

I like being English, in spite of the fantasies of the mad Europhobes and the twittering of squeamish liberals, because that is what I am. And next 23 April, you never know, I might just overcome my native irony and do something.

# Selling up is the spur to another fortune

Then Alan Sugar pockets an estimated £80m from the planned sale of his company Amstrad, he will not take it easy by a swimming pool, head for the golf course or potter gently around the salerooms collecting 19th-century porcelain. The irrascible self-made millionaire, who spent 28 years build-ing up the consumer electronics group, will direct his formidable ener-A Translation of the state of t gies towards developing the business potential of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, which he bought five

founded another company similar to
Amstrad. Entrepreneurs are not only
incapable of relaxing with their milhions: they are driven to repeat their
success stories time and
Michael

le nan. It is all very far removed from he relatively humble beginnings of a nan who left school at 15. In 1993, te made £26m from selling the Devenish pub chain he had built up wer 19 years; and with the money in he bank and his future assured, he and his wife booked a year-long ruise around the world on a luxury

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Tycoons are driven to repeat their success, says Will Bennett

To nobody's surprise he cancelled the cruise at the last moment because the chance of buying another chain of pubs came up. Last week Mr Cannon, 57, made another £70m from selling that business, The Magic Pub Company, to the brewers Greene King. Those who know him say that even now he is in no mood to retire to the country. Philip Snook, the outgoing managing director of The Magic Pub Company, who himself stands to make £5m from the sale, It would also surprise nobody if he says: "Michael is a very strong-punded another company similar to minded individual and I think that the prospect of not working horrifies him. He is a workaholic."

Professor Cary Cooper, of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, believes that such entrepreneurs are driven by the nouse in Dorset and enjoys shooting need to control their lives and to prove to themselves or others that they can succeed repeatedly. "The driving force is usually something negative that happened to them early in their life and that has made them want to control their world in a way in which they did not have control when they were young."

Professor Cooper carried out a survey of successful entrepreneurs and discovered that only 5 per cent of

The rest lost at least one parent through death or came from broken marriages or were separated for some other reason, such as being sent away to school. Seventy-four per cent of those questioned identified "some significant shaping event in their

The driving force is usually something negative in childhood

childhood" that gave them the toughness and drive to succeed in business. In some cases, it was bullying or ridicule from fellow school pupils; in others, the scornful dismissiveness of a parent or teacher.

Professor Cooper says: "When they sell their businesses, they will start another company. It is not the money, they could have £10m, £20m, it does not matter. Money only tells them that they are successful and they need to prove themselves to somebody all over again."

Sir Mark Weinberg, who has twice life assurance company called J.

them had both their parents present duit major insurance companies that throughout their entire childhood. he founded, but is still in the same business, fits Professor Cooper's theory perfectly. His father died when he was two and he was sent away to a boarding school which he loathed. In the Sixties, with just £70,000, he set up Abbey Life, where he pioneered unit-linked assurance plans and gained a reputation as an innovator He could have kept on sailing for and a tough salesman. He left the company, which by then was worth £31m, when the American giant ITT took it over 10 years later.

"I feel I would not be able to adjust to working as an executive for a really large international corporation, it is just not my style," he said at the time. He no longer had control of the business which he had built up from scratch. He was soon back, building up Hambro Life, now known as Allied Dunbar, but left 10 years ago after it was taken over by another company of which he was also a director.

Sir Mark, now 64, could have opted for the easy life but, as his right hand man Mike Wilson puts it: "He didn't want to retire with the graph going down." He soon set up what one observer nicknamed Mark III, a new

Rothschild Assurance, of which he is still chairman.

Lord Harris of Peckham started in the carpet business by taking over his family's three shops, after his father died when he was 15. He expanded and built up the Harris Queensway carpet empire, which he sold for £70m in 1988. After the sale, he decided to spend some time sailing his yacht around the Mediterranean. ever, but he was inexorably drawn back to the same business. Within months, he opened a carpet shop in London and eight years later his Carpetright chain has more than 200 outlets and 14 per cent of the British

Lord Harris, 53, who is one of the Conservative Party's most important financial backers, has always denied that he is driven by a desire to make Carpetright bigger than Queensway, which crashed shortly after he sold out. But one former business associate said yesterday: "He may not even acknowledge to himself but he is proving himself all over again."

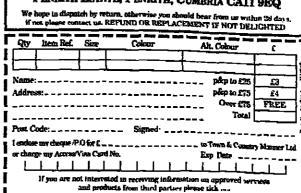
It is ironic that while millions of people dream of taking early retirement if they win the National Lottery, some of those who could afford never to work again are incapable of opt-

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# Cable firms turn to Oftel over BT 'dirty tricks' campaign

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Angry UK cable operators have accused BT of running a "dirty telephone customers, and have called on Oftel, the telecoms regulator, to intervene.
In the most serious allega-

tions ever made against the dominant operator, cable com-

ing staff have rung hundreds of ex-directory cable customers about rivals, over the telephone in Teeside, Yorkshire, Birmingham and London, addressing them by name, and asking to BT. If true, the campaign guidelines, its licence conditions, and laws governing data protection and privacy.

Sources at leading cable companies also accused BT of giv-

about rivals, over the telephone and in printed material. Hundreds of written statements from disgruntled cable customers have been forwarded to

A spokesman for Oftel said yesterday that "we have re-ceived complaints, and have asked BT to initiate a high-level probe, the results of which we

doubt about how seriously we so far gathered by the operators take these charges."

A BT spokesman said: "We take the charges seriously. But I must stress that so far, our investigations show we have done nothing wrong. We will go back to the [Cable Communications Association] with a full report of our review early next week." Graham MacPhee, marketing director at Comcast, a leading

operator, said the information

"looks quite damaging, and if it is true, it is appalling behaviour

Bob Frost, director of the CCA, this week called Peter Bonfield, head of BT, directly about the issue. "We are of course very concerned," Mr Frost said, "and if the matters prove to be substantiated, our members will have to seriously consider their position."

BT has a record of all ex-di-rectory numbers in the UK, principally to cover emergency 9 calls. It is enjoined from using the numbers for marketing purposes under its licence with oftel. BT has been losing customers to cable operators at the rate of at least 50,000 a month, and the competition has been particularly flerce in recent

weeks, following price cuts by

Sporting life: Grand National record tumbles in feast for City as well as bookies

high as 60 per cent, in a direct threat to BT's basic business.

The allegation of dirty tricks arose when ex-directory cuscontacted their local operators to complain about being called at home by tele-marketers.

Even ex-directory customers, about 25 per cent of numbers nationally, - cannot block out

In some areas, cable has all marketing calls, as many pushed penetration rates as firms use automatic random dialling. Cable customers said. however, that BT staff addressed them by name.

The explosive issue has emerged at a crucial time for BT, which is discussing changes to its licence with Offel. Don Cruickshank. Offel's directorgeneral, is pushing for a general anti-competitive" clause which BT has so far been resisting.

## Costain suspended as shares plunge in frantic dealing

**PATRICK TOOHER** 

Dealings in shares in the troubled Costain construction company were suspended yesterday ahead of a major refinancing package, which is likely to be announced next week and be accompanied by details of its long-awaited sale of its US mining businesses.

The news emerged after Costain's shares lost almost half their value in a frantic few minutes in early morning trading, slumping 31p to 39p before being suspended at the com-

In a statement to the Stock Exchange, Costain admitted it would be unable to meet Friday's deadline for the publication of its 1995 results. A further announcement about significant corporate developments would be made shortly. Costain added.

Costain is in advanced talks with a potential buyer for its US. mining unit, according to sources close to the building - company. Its 1995 results, which are expected to show a loss of about £40m, are unlikely to be published until the mining sale is completed because a writedown is likely against group earnings.

The disposal could raise about £45m, some £5m below forded by the accounting the US mining unit's estimated treatment of its pension fund

could disappoint the market".

Costain is also understood to be lining up at least one outside investor linked to its core building and civil engineering interests who would take a sizeable equity stake in the group. The move is designed to stiffen Costain's capital base and reduce an £80m debt burden, which equates to about 90 per cent of shareholders' funds.

We have needed to strengthen the balance sheet for some time," a source close to the company said last night.

"We have always sought to keep Costain's identity and now we want to reinforce it with new money." Costain has sold UK housing and commercial property interests as well as a large part of its coal mining business to reduce debts. But analysts say the group's prospects hinge on a successful disposal of its remaining US coal businesses.

The need for a fresh capital injection was underlined yesterday when IBCA, the European credit rating agency, placed Costain's rating under re-view with negative implications.

"Following two profit warnings since the start of 1996, the equity base of the group is dearly under pressure and relies heavily on the support afprepayment" the agency said.

IBCA said Costain had been successful in winning new con-tracts recently and this should be beneficial to its cash position, as trade creditors expand, if not its profits.

However, it would make the Government's choice of Costain as the contractor for the high-profile Newbury by-pass contract seem unwise were Costain's financial predicament

Costain courted controversy earlier this month when it was awarded the £73.8m Newbury by-pass contract. Within hours of the news being announced in Parliament some 25 anti-roads protesters blockaded Costain's offices in nearby Maidenhead.

A fortnight earlier Alan Lovell, Costain' chief executive, had endured demonstrators with banners on the lawn of his home in Winchester after it emerged Costain was favourite to clinch the contract.

Costain is also one of several contractors embroiled in a protracted legal battle with Eurotunnel over work done on Channel Tunnel.

Shares in Costain have been one of the worst stock market investments in the past decade. At its peak in 1987 Costain enjoyed a stock market value of almost £1.7bn; at yesterday's suspension price the company was worth just £20.2m.

TOM STEVENSON

Work was the last thing on most people's minds at 7.30 last night but in the betting business it was far and away the busiest evening yet in a frenetic summer of sport.

Bookmaking giant Lad-broke said last night that pun-ters had wagered more than £80m on Euro 96 so far, making it Britain's biggest betting

The bets easily outstripped the £65m put on the Grand National each year with one punter betting a staggering £20,000 on an England victory at odds of 2 to 1

dex, the spread-betting spebusiness-as-usual trading on The rich combination of sporting events this year, and the ex- now work in the Square Mile. gamble on an outcome being

## Euro 96 nets £80m as punters spread wings

pansion of live television coverage, has been a bonanza for the mushrooming world of sprea-betting.

Spread-betting has become one of the boom leisure activities of the 1990s with Sporting Index alone taking 15,000 bets a week, 10 times the level of the whole industry just

Born on the trading floors of For traders at Sporting In- the City, where rivals IG Index and City Index still do much of cialists, it was chaotic their business, Sporting Index has taken the concept to other gamblers and believes fewer than a quarter of its customers

William Hill has a spread-betting operation and Ladbroke plans to launch in November, a move welcomed by Sporting Index's Lindsay McNeile, who is happy for

City punters in the intricacies of betting on a spread.

buy and sell price which means that unlike with a fixed-odds bet at a bookie, a punter can market-maker forecasts. They either buy the bet at the higher price in anticipation

of a better outcome or sell at

the lower if they think that

the betting giants to take on the expense of educating non-Before last night's game, for example, a spread of 43-46 first goal. That meant that Shearer's early strike for Eng-

land was a windfall for anyone who had sold at 43. Sadly for the punter, and to the delight of the Sporting Index traders last night, most peopele expected a tight game with a late goal and so bought at 46. Within seconds of the game starting Sporting Index was £7,000 up.

The beauty of spread-betting

is that it can be applied to almost any sport.

Traders can offer a bewildering range of bets and punters can take a view on something not happening just as easily as on it actually taking place and change their bets or close out a position as events unfold.

Thanks to its roots in the City, spread-betting is regulated by the Securities and Futures Authority, which highly volatile and risky form of gambling.

Some bets, for example on the number of runs a cricket team will score, are in theory open-ended and huge amounts

## Sweetbaum forced to resign as Wickes chief

PATRICK TOOHER

Henry Sweetbaum last night bowed to intense pressure from institutional shareholders by resigning as the £1m-a-year chairman and chief executive of Wickes, Britain's third biggest DIY retailer. Mr Sweetbaum has been re-

placed as non-executive chairman by Michael von Brentano, while another non-executive board member, Robert Burrow, becomes deputy chairman. Wickes plans to appoint a full-time chief executive in due course. Stuart Stradling, who only became finance director a year ago, will also quit the Wickes

board as soon as an investigation begun vesterday by accountants Price Waterhouse and legal firm Linklaters & Paine into the circumstances leading up to the accounting errors, announced on Tuesday, has been completed. Arthur Andersen, the audi-

tors who signed off last year's accounts, is quantifying the likely shortfall in the 1995 figures "and earlier years", a com-Until that amount is assessed Wickes will not pay a 1.5p final dividend due on 4 July. A div-



pended at 69p on Tuesday following the discovery of "serious accounting problems".

The problem is thought to centre on the way the company has been accounting for supplier discounts and their contributions towards in-store promo-

Mr Sweetbaum stepped down after a series of lengthy board meetings yesterday afternoon called to discuss the ac-

was seen as increasingly in-evitable. One senior fund manager, speaking shortly before news of Mr. Sweetbaum's residend will be recommended when the size of 1995's operating profits is determined, Wickes added.

changes. If the profits have been over-stated and someone has been making huge bonuses then questions have to be asked. It brings the whole lot under the microscope."

Mr Sweetbaum incurred the wrath of powerful institutional shareholders over the £1.2m salary he received last year, which included a £750,000 bonus from an incentive scheme linked to the company's share price. The previous year he earned £1.1m, including a long-term bonus of £670,000.

His departure, while sudden, Last night it remained unclear what, if any, compensation Mr Sweetbaum might receive, or whether he might have to reignation broke, said: "There's turn part or all of his previous bound to be pressure for years' bonuses to the company. | of warrants, which was expect-

## British Biotech raises £143m as rival launch makes history

The UK biotechnology sector passed two milestones yesterday with its biggest fund-raising and the launch of what is claimed to be the first biotechdeveloped product to come to market. British Biotech, leader of the UK industry, is calling on shareholders for £143m in a one-for-eight rights issue at £20.50 a share, compared with

the market price of £23.75. The announcement coincided with the announcement from rival Chiroscience that its Dexketoprofen pain killer and arthritis therapy had been launched last week in Spain by its partner, Menarini, Italy's

largest pharmaceutical group. The timing and size of the rights issue surprised the market. It comes less than five months after British Biotech raised £47.5m from the exercise

The group revealed yesterday it had net cash of £66.6m in April, but James Noble, finance director, said they had been considering ways of rais-ing money since January. The indications they had had from big shareholders were that this should be the last fund-raising before the company became self-financing through drug sales and that it should come on

the back of successful results for Marimastat, British Biotech's novel cancer treatment. Hopes for this drug have fuelled a surge in the group's share price, which briefly touched £38 last month after encouraging phase II results were released. The new money will finance the final stage of tests

before the product receives of-

Phase III trials for inoperable pancreatic cancer have al-

ed to cover its cash needs until ready begun and over the next 1997. ready begun and over the next few months at least seven separate trials will be started and run in parallel to determine Marimastat's effectiveness against a range of cancers. A pi-lot trial in Aids patients is also

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to be earmarked for a three-year project to build new chemistry laboratories in Cowley, near Oxford, which will bring all UK operations onto one site. But a much of the cash being raised will be used to set up a sales and marketing network in North America, France, Germany, Spain and Italy, marking the company's transition to a fullyfledged pharmaceuticals group.

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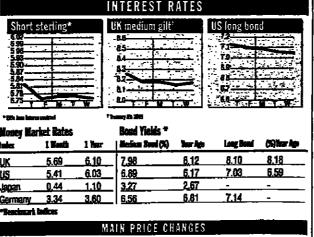
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A British backward trend that needs reversing For the last five years the Department of Irade and Industry has proudly published is annual UK R&D Scoreboard, a league table is a wast difference between invention and innovation. Nor do big R&D budgets autofo the latest lorry load of bad news now being prepared for City consumption. that ranks companies by what they spend on research and development. In the past the Scoreboard has shown that corporate Britain. while not exactly setting the world on fire, is at least chugging along in the right direction. It now emerges, however, that far from nestling somewhere in the lower reaches of

the Premiership we are in fact languishing in the Endsleigh League of invention
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1991 R&D as a proportion of sales is the same today as it was then and still only half the level of companies in other large developed countries. The rise in absolute investment was the lowest last year for five years despite a pur-ple patch for corporate profits in the last two ars. And in the one area of the pitch that the UK has traditionally done well - growing its R&D investment at a faster rate than the rest of the world - the trend has gone into

Oh, dear. Not quite Accrington Stanley but time, perhaps to start thinking about apply-ing for re-election to the league.

The problem, of course, with scoreboards and league tables is that, fascinating though they may be, the crude statistics reveal only half the story. They may tell you the quantity of money spent on R&D but they give no insight into the quality of that R&D nor the amount spent on R as opposed to D. There | as Railtrack. Today the company is valued at

matically equate to commercial success.

The UK's position relative to competitor countries is further skewed by the preponderance of drug companies in the league table. The pharmaceutical sector accounts for one third of total R&D spending by UK compa-nies, which means that just one giant deal like the Glaxo-Wellcome merger can have a huge distorting effect.

Nevertheless, there are some worrying trends. The long-term picture shows clearly that UK plc under-invests in R&D - a disparity that cannot be explained away by the cost of funds or City short-termism - while the tail of companies that pay inadequate attention to R&D is getting longer, not shorter. This ultimately, can only hurt UK competitiveness. Companies wanting to do something about it should use the scoreboard to benchmark their performance against the best in

### Costain delivers lorry load of bad news

ostain has been a disaster story for longer than anyone would care to remember. A more spectacular case of lost shareholder value is hard to imagine. Ten years ago, this house-hold name in construction and road building was worth around £1.7bn, or nearly as much

So much has already been written and said about Costain's fall from grace, that it is probably wise to withhold comment until delivery takes place. One aspect of the latest chapter of woes does bear examination, however - the sudden plunge in the share price and the subsequent suspension of trading. The case for suspension of share dealings has never been a strong one. In so far as there is a justification it is to prevent the prospect of a rumour-driven and disorderly market. But too often the effect is to deprive less well-informed shareholders of the opportunity to sell at a rea-sonable price. Consider the last two cases of it - Costain, and the day before, Wickes. In both cases, the better informed class of shareholder was able to exit the stock before deal-ings were halted. It seems highly likely that some of this activity was essentially insider

professionals sniffing the wind.
As for most small shareholders, however. they would not even have been aware of the share price plunge until it was too late to deal It could be argued that share suspension protects these people, since without such a mechanism the shares would continue in free-fall exposing small shareholders to the risk of selling at an unrealistically low price.

But in practice it doesn't often work this

way. The news is nearly always worse than the stock market imagined. The suspension, if it

shares. In any case, it cannot be right to deprive any shareholder of the ability to sell on the grounds that their judgement may be at fault. That is the very antithesis of what free markets are meant to be about.

Those who gain most from share suspen-sions tend to be market-makers, for while trading persists, they are obliged to buy. But no one should feel too sorry for them. Marketmakers already have enough protections and

### Biotech boosted by an act of faith

he market was asking for it, and it duly got The market was asking for it, and it day go head boy of the biotech sector, British Biotech. Yesterday's £143m rights issue is a chunky call on shareholders, even for a company valued at £1.4bm. It represents a substantial act of faith dealing. But most of it would have been City by the group's normally hard-nosed City investors, particularly as it represents more than the £124m that British Biotech has raised from the market since its flotation in 1992. Most of what investors have coughed up so far has already been spent, judging by the £110m deficit the group sports in its accumulated profit and loss account. Directors are confident that the new money will bridge the gap between now and the end of the century, when, hopefully, at least one of the company's

drugs will actually be earning some money.
Even so, the timing of this issue looks just
a little suspect. Despite the recent fall in the
share price, the call is deliberately pitched to take advantage of the warm sentiment surrounding recent news on Marimastat, British Biotech's anti-cancer wonder drug. With £66m in the bank, the company could easily have afforded to wait for something a little more concrete by way of product confirma-tion before tapping shareholders for the next phase of development.

Furthermore, if any of the products live up to their promise, then by waiting the company could raise the money a good deal more

The risk for investors is exacerbated in that, with every new demand for cash, commercial risks are being piled on the already evident product risk. Spanking new labs and a substantial sales force are all very well for the likes of an industry giant like Glaxo, but for a management with no saleable product, let alone any experience of running what is becoming a sizeable company, they represent a move into uncharted waters.

And despite Chiroscience's news that it has launched what probably represents the first full biotechnology-developed product to come to market, the real blockbusters still have steep mountains to climb before they can earn real money. British Biotech will probably be allowed to get away with it this time, but there are some nervous investors

## UK firms fall behind in R&D spending league

ROGER TRAPP

UK companies fell further behind their international competitors in research and development investment last year, according to official figures published today. Only 18 British companies appear among the top 300 international companies ed in the annual R&D Score-

For the first time since the rankings sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry's Innovation Unit was launched in 1991, UK spending in this area grew at a lower rate than the rest of the world - 4 per cent, compared with the international rate of 5 per cent. This reverses the recent trend for British companies to start to close the gap with overseas rivals. However, the number of

British-based companies in the listing has increased from last year's 12. Wellcome has merged with Glaxo, to become Britain's highest-placed company in 25th position with a spend of £1.2bn. and Boots, GKN, BOC, Lucas, Siebe, BTR and British Aerospace have joined the listing.

The figures were seized upon by Labour as evidence of "the parlous state of Britain's international competitiveness". Adam Ingram, shadow minister for science and technology, said: "British industry has to invest more in research and development if we are going to

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our economy," he said.

economy. This was an echo of the re- through retreating from publiclymarks in the scoreboard intro-funded science and technology. duction by Richard Freeman, corporate chief economist at Imperial Chemical Industries, that "unless the UK companies increase their R&D investments faster than their overseas competitors, the UK will lose competitiveness over the longer

overall average of 4.4 per cent for the leading 300 international organisations. Over the five years, the proportion of turnover spent in this way by companies based in the UK has been less than half that of companies in other countries and

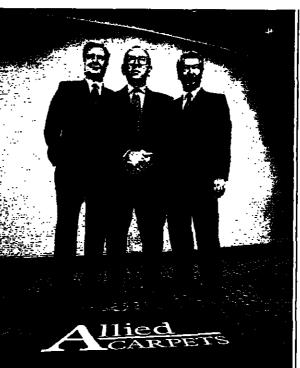
the same as the 1991 level. The largest national increase in R&D spending was Sweden's 21 per cent, followed by Canada, Germany and the United States. In France, investment fell 2 per cent, while in Italy it fell 8 per cent.

Mr Freeman said: "The importance of technological activity and innovation for the UK's competitiveness and capacity to create wealth cannot "However, increasing R&D

spending does not automatically lead to commercial success Companies need to bridge the often-overlooked gap between invention and innovation, the process of successfully exploiting the idea."

To be effective, projects needed to be part of companies' overall strategies and focused on They have created a culture of customers' needs. And this required the close involvement of vestment in the very bedrock of all areas of operations, he added.

In keeping with Glazo Well-come's position as the highest-The 1996 table produced by Edinburgh-based accounts placed British company, the monitor Company Reporting shows that the top 18 UK comnted for nearly a third of total panies spent an average of 2.5 R&D spending in the UK -£2.7bn out of the total reported investment of £9.1bn.



Carpet roll-out: (from left) finance director David Pout, managing director Ray Nethercott and deputy managing director Shaun Doran of Allied Carpets, which comes to the stock market valued at more than £200m next month and will open a further 20 stores a year for the rest of the decade, to take its total to 270 Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

## Suspended Astra chief is sacked

JOHN WILLCOCK

Astra, the Swedish drugs company, has fired its already suspended US chief executive, Lars Bildman, following an internal investigation into allegations of sexual harassment and financial improprieties.

Astra USA, a unit of Swedish pharmaceutical giant Astra AB. said yesterday that Mr Bildman had engaged in "inappropriate behaviour" and used approximately \$2m (£1.3m) of the company's funds for his per-

The company has also fired George Roadman, vice-president of marketing and sales for the hospital division. Edward Aarons, director of institutional business, and Anders Loner, head of Swedish marketing operations, are also to resign. Astra said it would give them no monetary compensation.

Messrs Bildman, Roadman

and Aarons were suspended carlier this year after allegations of widespread sexual harassceived widespread press coverage in the US.

A spokesman for Astra said:

There is evidence that Bildman used company funds for personal expenses, including the renovations to his houses and vacations.

'Approximately \$2m was involved. We understand that state and federal authorities have opened their own investigations into these matters and we are co-operating," he added.

The US Department of Justice, the Internal Revenue Service and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue have all made inquiries to Astra about the alleged misuse of funds, Francis Carling, an attorney for Astra, said. Mr Bildman has previously denied any wrongdoing.
In Stockholm, Astra's lawyer,

Thomas Clauss, said that if damages had to be paid to people who allege they have been sexually harassed, the sums would not be great. "If there is the question of damages, it will

### IN BRIEF

• A former director of Eastern Electricity has been charged with insider dealing under the 1993 Criminal Justice Act, it emerged yesterday. The charges against Douglas Swinden relate to dealings in the shares of Seeboard, another regional electricity company, between June and August 1994, and follow an investigation

by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Swinden is charged with having bought 2,000 shares in Secboard on 1 August 1994, based on price-sensitive information, in a letter sent by Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry watchdog, to Eastern's chief executive, John Devaney,

six weeks earlier.

Mr Swinding Mr Swinden faces two alternative charges brought by the DTL both relating to the alleged acquisition of the Seeboard shares.

He was committed for trial by City of London magistrates on 25 April this year but released on bail at a hearing earlier this month. The case will be heard at Middlesex Crown Court on 18 November. He denies all the charges. • Tomkins finally received the green light for its planned \$1.16bn (£758m) takeover of Gates Rubber, the American automotive

products group. The deal was first announced in January and Tomkins had hoped to complete the transaction in the spring. Tomkins shares jumped 13p to 249p reversing recent declines caused by worries over whether the deal would go ahead and adverse sector sentiment thanks to problems facing rival BTR. Tomkins also disclosed a fuller financial record for Gates, including figures that showed sales growing quickly at its three core businesses and gross margins ahead of expectations. United News & Media announced a streamlined structure for

its broadcasting and entertainment divisions, and said it would seek further opportunities in new media, programme distribution, and children's animation. Its preparations for an unsuccessful bid for the television rights to the Premier League have given the company a better grasp of cable and satellite television, a com-pany source added yesterday. As part of the restructuring, a senior management group will be established at United's headquarters to run the broadcasting and entertainment businesses. Anglia and Merdian, the company's ITV franchises, will have separate man-

 Bill Gates's Microsoft, games manufacturer Nintendo and Nomura Research Institute announced a joint venture aimed at providing "infotainment" to Japan through satellites they use for television programmes. Microsoft officials described the service as a partial substitute for the Internet, which many users find slow and expensive because of the long time needed to download data.

 Solid State Supplies has joined the Alternative Investment Mar-Est via a placing by English Trust Company and Charles Stan-ley & Company. Solid State is a distributor of electronic components for general use in the industrial, automotive, mobile phone, computer and military markets. The company said 1.25 million new ordinary shares had been issued and placed at a price of 80p each, giving a market capitalisation of £5m. The placing raises about £830,000 net of expenses, which the company said it intends to use to fund future expansion. Since March 1994, turnover has risen by more than 50 per cent to £4.23m and operating profit has risen by over 150 per cent to £423,000.

## Energy sale likely to raise only £1.5bn

MICHAEL HARRISON The sale of the nuclear generator

British Energy is only expected to raise about £1.5bn it emerged yesterday as the Government unveiled the price range for the controversial flotation and the discount to which private inestors will be entitled.

The sum is equivalent to just half the cost of building the Sizewell B reactor in Suffolk one of eight nuclear plants involved in the sell-off. The sharp scaling back in the

level of likely proceeds also means that the sale will not raise enough to cover the liabilities of the ageing Magnox stations being left in public ownership.

Ian Lang, President of the

Board of Trade, announced that next month's flotation is ex-pected to value British Energy at between £1.26bm and £1.96bm. Even with the extra £700m of debt being left in the company, the proceeds could fall up to £800m below the orginal estimates made by BZW, the Gov-ernment's advisers on the sale.

John Battle, Labour's energy spokesman, immediately attacked the sell-off saying: "laxpayers are being shortchanged on a massive scale. This is a desperate dash for cash to raise funds for election tax cuts but the real danger is that we will be left to pick up the tab for years

Mr Lang, however, defended the sale arrangements saying: The taxpayer will get a good deal from this flotation and nuclear energy will benefit from being in the private sector." He also rejected suggestions

that the unprecedently wide price range announced by the Government reflected worries about the nuclear industry on the part of the investment community.

The price range implies a value for the fully paid shares of between 180p and 280p-putting them on a yield of 6.1 per cent to 9.5 per cent. Private investors will pay a first instalment of 100p - a 5p discount to the price for institutional investors - producing a saving of £15 on the minimum investment of 300 shares.

However, the total return on the partly paid shares to private investors will be 22 per cent be-cause two dividends are being paid out before the second instalment is due. The net dividend payable between now and next

July will be 13.7p. A total of 1.7 million investors have registered with share shops for the sale. On the basis of past privatisations this suggests the public offer will be at least twice subscribed - triggering clawback of shares set aside for

Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, said that the initial response from overseas investors had been "very encouraging" However, the level of institutional demand will not be known until the international bookbuilding among UK and overseas institutions which will set the price begins a week today. Advisers believe the shares are likely to trade on a yield of 8.5-9 per cent esting a market capitalisation

of £1.4bn to £1.5bn. The public offer closes on 10 July and dealings are due to commence on Monday 15 July.

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## New team settles in at Laporte

Nine months into the job, Laporte's new chief executive, Jim Leng, has barely had time to pause for breath Yesterday's announcement of the £29m disposal of the chemicals company's Australasian operations was just the latest move in a radical restructuring that has seen a complete overhaul of the executive board and 10

per cent of the group put up for sale.

Mr Leng came in for something of a pasting when nine weeks into the job he outlined a dramatic restructuring and issued a profits warning but he was right not to hang around. Selling the 11 dis-parate businesses that made up Laporte's operations down under makes abundant sense given its pretty pathetic return on sales and capital employed. During the second half of last year

operating profit was a paltry £400,000 from sales of £35m. little more than a I per cent margin. The businesses were decidedly not paying their way in terms of management time and Laporte is better off without them.

For the next few weeks anyway management is going to be fully occupied in getting its feet under the table. A new finance director starts work on Monday as do two other divisional heads. Mr Leng maintains that the operating businesses have been moving ahead out, in reality, Laporte will welcome a bit more stability.

Britain's fourth biggest chemicals company, Laporte ought to be nicely placed with good positions in account.

placed with good positions in growing markets. In electronic chemicals it supplies semiconductor manufacturers with the chemicals needed to prepare silicon wafers and it makes the imaging masks on which circuitry is drawn. With chips in more and more domestic gadgetry, demand could more than double in the next few years according to industry analysts.

Laporte's other subcontracting businesses supply some pretty attractive markets. The speciality organic chemicals division supplies pharmaceutical firms with the building blocks, called intermediates, for drugs. That market is constantly changing, driven by new illnesses and treatments, and is growing fast as drug companies sub-contract more and more of their work.

The challenge for Mr Leng is to extract a better return from that trading environment and to limit the damage in Laporte's more mature, duller areas such as building and construction chemicals, glue and sealants, where demand is still sluggish. In the first five years of the 1990s earnings growth was far too patchy for a company with Laporte's opportunities. Analysts are forecasting profits of

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Leeds store will open in October and the first stand-alone restaurant at the

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will write-off on yesterday's sale, for eps of about 44p and a prospective p/e of 15. Until the earnings growth record its in the year becomes more sustained and at a £3.9m to £9.1m. higher rate, that is high enough.

### Harvey Nichols looks pricey

Harvey Nichols, the upmarket Knightsbridge department store that came to the market in April, will to have to work hard to live up to its fancy valuation. So far the company's brief spell as a chandise, concessions offer a level of public company has proved rewarding security for the host company as the

for only a select few investors.

Priced at 270p, the shares shot to 334p on their first day of dealings. All very nice for City institutions who had subscribed to the placing. Not so good for ordinary members of the public who could not get their

hands on the shares until trading had started. At yesterday's 337p, up op on the day, Joe Public's shares have gone

about £120m this year, before a good- deliver the impressive results served up so far. Yesterday's figures were certainly Knightsbridge class with pre-tax profits in the year to March up from

> Like-for-like sales improved by a heady 14 per cent, driven largely by the in-store concessions where sales were up by almost 25 per cent. Margins have been maintained and the lid has been kept on costs.

The margin performance is particular impressive, given the high level of lower-margin concession sales.

These account for 43 per cent of fashion retail space. Though the margins are lower than in own bought merchandise, concessions offer a level of tenants have to guarantee a minimum level of sales.

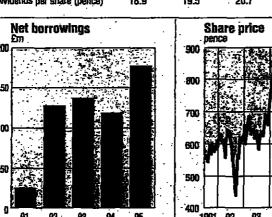
Sales from food retailing and hos-pitality have also increased by 19 per cent on the previous years with food margins boosted by a concentration on own brands. Current trading is encouraging with

sales in the 11th week of the year up by a thumping 20 per cent.

This year will see a full contribution

from the new menswear floor which added 3,800 square feet and the Foundation restaurant and bar. The new

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Oxo Tower in London in September. Two other London sites have been identified for restaurants though the

company added no details yesterday. Morgan Stanley is forecasting profits of £21.2m this year which puts the shares on a premium rating of 24.

### Hogg bullish on year ahead

The jump in full-year profits from Hogg Robinson, the travel to financial services company, up 51 per cent to a record £26.3m, were nicely ahead of expectations of about £25m and the shares rose 15p rise to 264p.

That improvement capped a good year during which the shares have pulled away from the low of 145p reached in the spring of 1995. Even after their good run, however, the improvement of 1995. provement in trading after 1993's stagnant result means the shares still have plenty of attractions.

The increase in profits from last year's £17.4m received a significant boost from the recent £58m acquisition of the Bennett Travel Group, which chipped in £7.75m in its first nine months of ownership. But there were better results also from most of its business sectors, with the exception of transport, where returns remained relatively flat at £5.64m.

Brian Perry chairman, pointed to what remain difficult trading conditions in core businesses of transport, business travel and financial services, but he struck a bullish note on prospects for the current year.

Hogg provides a business travel service for 40 of the top 100 compa-nies, and recorded a 22 per cent rise in profits from that arm, a fifth of sales but almost twice as much in profit terms. Mr Perry sees the already significant rise in business travel in the past year increasing even more sharply.

Profits from the financial services arm jumped 37 per cent, boosted by the growth of its independent financial advice subsidiary and the continued expansion of the employee benefits business. Transport was hit by a decline in exports from Germany to Britain.

On the basis of forecasts of more than £31m in the year to March, the shares stand on a prospective price-earnings ratio of 12, which compares favourably with an estimated growth

# City dinosaurs shell out, for a sad, staid rock-fest

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

The world of sex, drugs and rock a roll will collide on Saturday with that of JP Motgan, BZW and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, at the Masters of Music concert in Hyde Park. Those well-known merchant bankers Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and Pete Townshend of The Who (pictured right) will be headlining the mine-hour festival in front of 150,000 fans, each of whom will pay £8 for the privilege. There's no hippy nonsense about free festivals here, sadly, no drugged, naked bodies frolicking in the mud à la Woodstock. Far from it.

Their generation: Merchant bankers are forking out £200 per ticket for a chance to revisit their youth with The Who

According to business magazine Checkout, Tesco had a 39 per cent share of the plonk market over the last quarter, shading Sainsbury by 2 per cent. Between them the two giants sell four out of five bottles of wine bought for drinking at home.

There is one worrying aspect, however. The survey found that "convenience, price and range far outweigh factors such as friendly staff Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman and information on wine when customers decide where to buy. Let's hope Asda (19 per cent) and Safeway (18 per cent) don't take the message to heart and instruct their

staff to tell wine buyers to

"get knotted".

Is there anyone you have met in the media and advertising world during your career who you really hate, loathe and despise? Now's your chance to get your own back - or so it would appear. A bizarre ad in Private Eye this week is headed: "Spirit of Machiavelli alive and well in advertising world?" It goes on: "Serious author proposes to chronicle the most dire examples in agency/media world of back stabbing, stitchingup, brown-nosing, sexual harassment ... scheming and down-right malice .... If indeed any of the above still exist in the caring, sharing Nineties."

The author then provides a fax number for suggestions. But hang on. Could the ad be a trap placed by a coalition of the nastier people in advertising who want to find out who their true enemies are – and then crush them? I think we should be told.

If Sir Ian or anyone cisc wants to hire Skinner and Baddiel, fantasy footballers and word-smiths of the current England footy anthem. think twice. James Herring. the duo's agent, was recently asked by a PR hackette how much it would cost to hire them. Mr Herring replied: "If you can afford anything north of £30,000, love, you're in

Nursing your hangover, dear reader, take pity on poor Ray Nethercott, fanatical Liverpool supporter and md of Allied Carpets.

The company not only announced its float yesterday, mere hours before England's date with destiny. Mr Nethercott also arranged a presentation to fund managers Fidelity at 6,30pm half an hour before kick-off. The briefing could not be postponed as it was being beamed to the US, where "soccer" is seen as an effete non-sport for foreigners.

Mr Nethercott said yesterday lunchtime : "I think if I race through the presentation at 200 miles an hour I may just get it finished." Fingers crossed that he made it.

# Chilean copper giant cuts Global link Companies gain

PETER RODGERS

**NIGEL COPE** 

A main copper supplier has erals and Metals of New York fallen, former star copper tradas a result of speculation about its involvement in the Sumitomo copper scandal.

Codelco, the Chilean stateowned copper producer, has put on hold its contracts to supply copper to Global in 1997.

Vendome, the Swiss luxury

Cartier, Dunhill and Mont

Blane brands, quashed rumours

vesterday that the controlling

Richemont group was set to buy

the 30 per cent of the Vendome

shares it does not already own.

man, said: "These rumours have been circulating for a cou-

ple of weeks but Richemont has

made it clear that it has no in-

tention of making a bid for the

The resolution was ham-

whole of the company."

Lord Douro, deputy chair-

goods group that owns the also a director of Vendome.

mered out in a Luxembourg two of the company's shops.

er, Yasuo Hamanaka, to a grand

jury investigation. Global is also helping the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission with its civil investigation into the market and has been caught up along with

Vendome dismisses bid rumours

board meeting on Tuesday at-tended by Johann Rupert, chief executive of Richemont and

The announcement came as

Vendome reported disappoint-

ing results that were held back

by the strength of the Swiss

franc as well as string of "ex-

ceptional events" in Europe

and Japan. Attributable profits

in the year to March fell 0.2 per cent to £193m. The company

blamed social unrest in France,

reactions to nuclear tests in the

Pacific which led to reduced

tourism, and the Kobe earth-

quake in Japan which destroyed

Among the lines of inquiry,

Many of these events affect-

ed sales in October, November

and December, which are tra-

ditionally important sales peri-ods for Vendome. The unrest caused by nuclear

tests in the Pacific led to a sharp

fall in Asian tourists to France

which further damaged sales.

watches were strong though

sales of smoking accessories and women's clothing were dis-

appointing. Jewellery sales in-creased by 7.4 per cent. Sales of

writing instruments edged 1.4

per cent higher. Sales to the Fast East rose by

8.3 per cent.

Sales of jewellery and

tablish links between problems at Codelco, which lost \$170m two years ago because of unau-thorised trading by an executive, and the Sumitomo affair. Elliot Sloane, a spokesman

Global and its president, several other firms such as Win-David Campbell, were sub-poenaed last week by the New UK in inquiries on both sides their existing 1996 contracts, Global which also has extensive sch and Mr Guerrini were dealings with Zambia. Such as Mr Guerrini were cleared of involvement in the Codelco scandal, which he York attorney general to supply of the Atlantic into how Sum- and they are going to come back has become wary as a result of claimed was "totally separate" suspended business dealings documents relating to their itomo's copper trader lost to the table sometime this year speculation about Codelco and from Sumitomo. for next year with Global Mindealines with Sumitomo and its £1.2bn over the last 10 years, and talk about next year." He Sumitomo "so they decided to "Sumitomo are and talk about next year. investigators are seeking to escontracts this early in the calendar year."

Mr Sloane said Codelco informed Global before Sumitomo announced losses of \$1.8bn on 13 June. Codelco is thought to be a substantial customer of

added: "They never renew their take a wait-and-see approach, let everything die down and come back and talk to us in the fall".

Two of Global's traders in Chile, Carlos Derpsch and

The three aforementioned

investment banks are paying a minimum of £200 per ticket

to take assorted guests along for some corporate hospitali-ty. This will include lunch at

the Dorchester, champagne

and canapés at the "gig", and

dinner at Nico's or some simi-

lar swish establishment. Not a

generation of rock stars have "cleaned up their act" these

days, but does this rock-fest

together now, "Hope I die before I get old ..."

have to be quite so staid? All

of Tesco, adds another feath-

Tesco edged ahead of Sains-bury as Britain's biggest food

er to his cap. Not only has

retailer, but now Sir Ian's

place to buy wine.

stores are also the favourite

spliff in sight. We all know the Jurassic

copper from Global. All our bankers are still banking us, and all our brokers are still trading us," Mr Sloane added.

Owen Guerrini, left for that squeezes in the copper "personal reasons" in recent market linked with Sumitomo days. Mr Sloane said Mr Derp- may date back to June 1988.

London copper traders said

# from new ASB goodwill policy

ROGER TRAPP

Balance-sheet values of companies as varied as Cadbury Schweppes confectionery and drinks group and the PR consultancy Shandwick Group could climb and carnings ratios fall if plans to change the accounting treatment of goodwill and other intangible assets published today are adopted.

The Accounting Standards Board hopes the proposals will defuse one of the longestrunning rows in acquisition accounting. Its exposure draft Fred 12 recommends goodwill and intangible assets, such as licences, franchises, publishing titles and brands, are capitalised as assets on the balance sheet.

Then the general rule would be that goodwill should be written off gradually - amortised against earnings - but it would also be possible to retain goodwill provided regular reviews showed no impairment in value. This would mean that ordi-nary shareholders, funds would

be strengthened - since they would include amounts previously written off to reserves but the return on equity would look less impressive. It is understood that other international standard-setters are looking at this approach. The proposals - developed af-

ter extensive consultation over the past three years - represent a significant change from present practice. SSAP22 introduced by the ASB's prede-

cessor, the Accounting Standards Committee, allows a choice of accounting treatments. Its preferred approach -used in the vast majority of acqusitions - is immediate climination against reserves, though it also permits capitalisation as an asset, with subsequent writeoff by systematic amortisation through the profit and loss account.

The ASB points out that the preferred approach has been rejected internationally and been criticised for giving the im-pression that the acquiring company's net worth has been depleted or even eliminated, and for causing financial statements to overstate the rates of return achieved on acquired investments.

This has subsequently led to companies reducing lac amounts attributed to purchased goodwill by separately valuing brands and similar intangible assets as identifiable assets on the balance sheet. But the ASB believes that this is anomalous.

Sir David Tweedie, ASB chairman, said the proposals which must be commented upon by 25 October - provided "a solid and constructive solution to a very longstanding problem". He was supported by other leading accountants, such as Peter Holgate, technical partner at Coopers & Lybrand, who said they "seem to have the best chance of attracting support".

## Liffe looks to futures with commodities link

PETER RODGERS

London's financial futures and commodities exchanges are to merge on 16 September to form the only organisation in the world that will trade a complete range of financial, com-modity and equity futures and options.

Plans for the merged market include the development of trading in wheat futures across Europe to take advantage of the expected reductions in support for farmers under the Common Agricultural Policy, which will increase the demand for hedging. Daniel Hodgson, chief executive of Liffe - the market famous for its open outcry deal-

ngs and the bright jackets worn by floor traders - said development of wheat futures would be complex. This would be because of the variations in the types of wheat required by bakers in different

countries, "but there is no doubt it is an opportunity for the exchange and it should have pan-European appeal". The merger is through a

£10.3m offer by Liffe - the London International Futures and Options Exchange - for the London Commodity Exchange, which has traded coffee, cocoa and sugar since 1954.

The offer will be accompanied by an invitation to members of both exchanges to subscribe for new shares in Liffe at a price of £15.000 each, which will give a right to trade commodities on the merged market. Of the from the same organisations as Liffe members.

Robin Woodhead, chief executive of the LCE - who will remain as a consultant for six months after the merger - said, Exchange floor in Threadnee- 'A' star," he said.



"Four years ago the LCE had a very difficult time. But we have had three successful years that have enabled the LCE to think about long-term planning. We came to the conclusion that we needed much greater resources to maintain and expand our expertise."

An outline agreement to merge with Liffe was reached last October, after discussions with other potential partners, including London's International LCE's 44 floor members, 29 are Petroleum Exchange, ended.

The merged market will be at an expanded floor in Liffe's and options regulation. building by Cannon Street station in the City, or split between that building and the old Stock

dle Street, which Liffe is to take over from the autumn. If the markets both fit into Liffe's present floor, the Stock Exchange floor may be used as

an emergency back-up.
Mr Hodson made clear Liffe did not expect to make any radical changes as a result of lessons learnt from the Sumitomo losses on the London Metal Exchange.

Mr Hodson said 40 recommendations were made last summer by a global task force on the best practice for futures

"We looked at our practices in the light of those recommendations and we scored an

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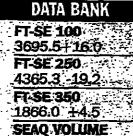
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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

Shares of Allied Domecq, the drinks group, slithered to a new low on talk its attempts to extricate itself from brewing were encountering increasing

The price lost 2p to 453p; it was 556p earlier this year and

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664p two years ago. Bass, the leading contender to buy Allied's 50 per cent stake in the Carlsberg Tetley brewing operation, also weakened 5p to 802p, only 36p from the

Allied has been hit by a series of mishaps. A few years ago it lost £147m through for-eign exchange bunging, it then took a position in the Mexican market just as the peso collap-sed and has struggled with its brewing and spirit operations. The market had been hop-

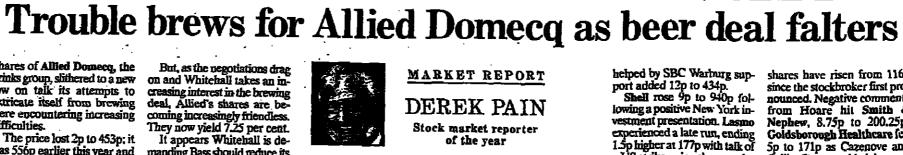
ing it would execute a speedy sale of C-T and new chairman Sir Christopher Hogg would divide the group into two, re-tailing and spirits.

But, as the negotiations drag on and Whitehall takes an increasing interest in the brewing deal, Allied's shares are be-coming increasingly friendless. They now yield 7.25 per cent

It appears Whitehall is demanding Bass should reduce its pubs estate and undertake to sell breweries and some brands before agreeing the C-T

At least one hurdle has been cleared. It seems Base has won over Carlsberg of Denmark which has 50 per cent of C-T. The Danes are prepared to ex-change their half share for a stake in the brewing division Bass will create.

Bass is gearing for a round of corporate action. It will splash out around £250m for C-T and could then move for William Hill, the betting chain owned by the stricken Brent Walker, or even strike out at Ladbroke, the betting and hotel group.



MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

It is already relatively lightly borrowed. If it needs to top up its cash resources it could sell freeholds of some of its Holiday Inn hotels. To add to the air of expec-

tation there is talk Bass plans an investment presentation in ibe nexi few weeks. The stock market managed

to recover a little of its recent falls, gaining 16 points to 3,695.5 although the support-ing FT-SE 250 index was again in ragged retreat.

If anything, shares under-lined their growing indepen-dence from New York. As US shares turned red they held their gains. They have largely ignored New York for some

time although there is no doubt a sharp American decline would have a savage

By staging a modest rally Footsie managed to avoid the secutive falls, a slide which would be regarded as a par-ticularly sad omen. Tomkius was the best per-

forming blue chip, up 13p to 249p as its acquisition of the US Gates Corporation was cleared and it forecast profits of more than £320m and a 9.95p year's dividend. Grand Metropolitan con-

timued to draw strength from hopes of corporate activity, up 6p at 425p and BSkyB

helped by SBC Warburg sup-port added 12p to 434p. Shell rose 9p to 940p following a positive New York investment presentation. Lasmo

experienced a late run, ending 1.5p higher at 177p with talk of US strike going the rounds. Costain was the day's main casualty, suspended at 39p after falling from 70p. Danka Business Systems crashed 195p to 490p after warning profits would be hit by expan-sion expenses and would not

reach market expectations.
National Grid firmed to 171p as the second half of a tax efficient bed and breakfast deal, thought to be undertaken by Prudential Corporation,

went through.

British Biotech, with a rights issue and more losses, was lit-tle changed at 2,375p; ABN Amro Hoare Govert has set a 3,200p target. Celsis edged ahead another 2p to 127p on

shares have risen from 116p since the stockbroker first pronounced. Negative comments from Hoare hit Smith & Nephew, 8.75p to 200.25p. Coldsborough Healthcare fell Sp to 171p as Cazenove and Collins Stewart raided the market for 9.1 per cent for hostile

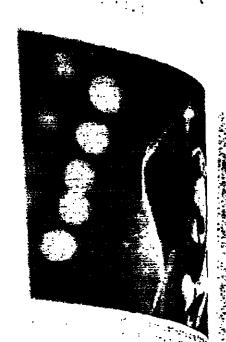
bidder Westminster Healthcare. NFC motored 13p to 186p after chairman Sir Christopher Bland purchased 400,000 shares at 174p. He now has just over one million.

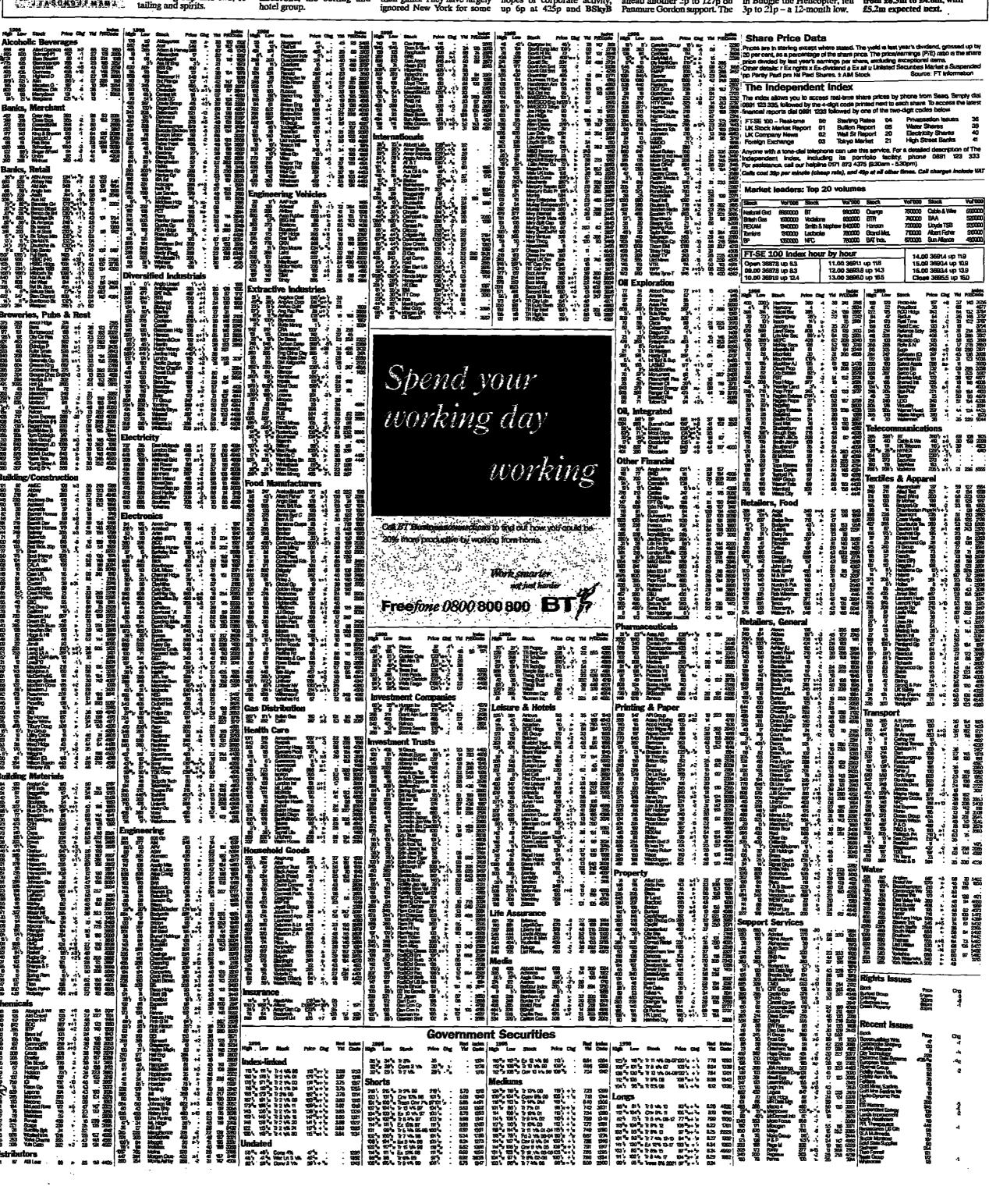
Securicor fell 14p to 273p; Cazenove was said to have placed a 500,000 line at 272p. BICC lost 10p to 318p on worries about its insurance cover over a Heathrow tunnel

Solid State, a distributor of electronic components, closed at 90p against an 80p placing price and Sleepy Kids, the cartoon character group taking in Budgie the Helicopter, fell 3p to 21p - a 12-month low. Castle Mill International. which has had a torrid time, clothing group's bankers have agreed to cut the company's debt from almost £3m to

In the recent past CMPs trading profits have been overwhelmed by interest charges. With its debt bur-den reduced it could be near to strengthening its trading operations through acquisitions. The shares are 3.75p.

☐ SR Gent, a Marks & Spencer clothing supplier, bumps along at 65p, a 12-month low. Stockbroker Wise Speke points to the litany of upsets which have given the company a sub-sector rating. It regards the shares as cheap but no more than a hold. Profits this year will fall from £6.3m to £4.6m, with £5.2m expected next.





# When rates hinge on expectations great and small

We are richer than ever before. The UK personal sector's net wealth stood at around £2,800bn at the end of last year - an increase of more than 80 per cent since 1980, even after allowing for the effects of

Yet it has taken four years, with interest rates close to their lowest levels for a generation, to spark only a modest recovery in the housing market, and despite the tax cuts announced in last November's Budget, consumer spending this year will rise at only half the pace reached in the late 1980s.

There is more to this reluctance to spend money than the conventional story of job insecurity suggests. There are hard financial reasons too. In many ways, consumers behaved during the 1980s like over-extended companies, building up the size of the balance sheet without regard to short-term considerations like the need to maintain some cushion against future shocks, such as rising interest rates.

When it comes to liquidity - the ability to pay the bills on time - the structure of the balance sheet matters more than its size. During the 1980s, the rise in the personal sector's wealth was dominated by two holdings of life assurance and pen-sion funds, which together accounted for two-thirds of the increase in gross personal assets between 1980 and 1994. Liquid assets, mostly bank and less quickly than the stock of debt, most of which was acquired in order to buy houses. Later, an increasing proportion of the debt burden represented equity withdrawal as houses became the provider of funds for ex- eventually the housing explosion



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the while, however, the ability of consumers to cope with a sudden upturn in interest rates was being eroded: the ratio of consumers' liquid assets to their base rate-linked debts was falling, even though their total wealth was rising rapidly. The headline numbers said that consumers were growing ever richer, but the devil in the details said that they were becoming ever more susceptible to changes in policy. When the crunch came, with interest rates doubling to

otic holidays, boats, and new cars. All subsided as would-be buyers looked askance at 15 per cent mortgage rates when average earnings were rising at 9 per cent.

The subsequent fall in nominal house prices has been instrumental in forcing people to recognise the ex-tent to which the changing structure of the balance sheet has increased their exposure to the effects of higher interest rates. Consumers have become sensitive to a level of interest rates - and to small changes in interest rate expectations - which

### 'If markets don't like the Budget ... the housing recovery could be snuffed out'

15 per cent between May 1988 and only a few years ago would have had October 1989, consumers were hit no effect at all. much harder than previous experi-

ence would have suggested. Just as over-geared companies find factors: the housing market boom; it difficult to sell pieces of machin-and the explosion in the value of ery to meet interest charges, so ery to meet interest charges, so householders cannot, in aggregate, sell their properties to avoid the pain of higher mortgage rates. It is possible for some individuals to do this, especially in the early stages of building society deposits, rose much a downturn, but it is not an option

open to everyone. It took a while for higher rates to do their work - after all, when rates began to rise the boom had acquired its own momentum - but

The best evidence for this effect comes from the housing market. The graphic (top right) shows that the violent swings in mortgage approvals over the past few years have been more or less entirely explained by shifts in the markets' expectations about future interest rates moves. In comparison, the reductions in mortgage interest tax relief have had a

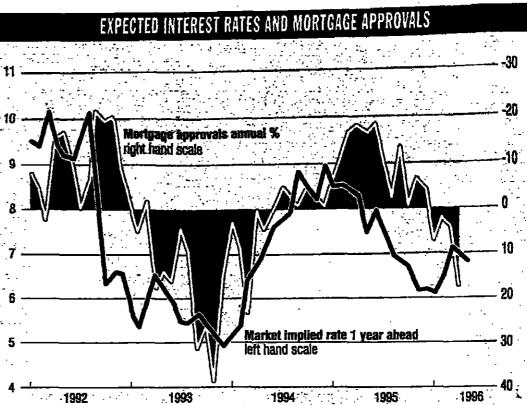
trivial effect on the market. There are at least two mechanisms which explain why expectations have become so much more important. The first is the rise of the fixed-rate mortgage, which came from nowhere to capture 63 per cent of the new spite the standard variable mortgage

quarter of 1994. Fixed rates are driven more or less mechanically by the market-determined yield on short-dated gilts, so rising expectations of short rates, which lift gilt vields, push up the cost of fixed-rate mortgages. This was certainly the case in 1994, when short-rate expectations rose sharply after the US Fed increased rates unexpectedly Gilt yields rose sharply, and fixed-

mortgage rates rose by around 2 per cent in less than two months. The housing market duly plunged, and the share of fixed-rate mortgages fell to only 31 per cent by the end

The second factor is more subtle. The markets' expectations of future base rates are not particularly reliable, for they tend to exaggerate actual moves in base rates in both directions. But because they are technically unbiased (unlike the views of economists) and available on a real-time basis to anyone with a newswire screen, they are often used by the media as a convenient guide. Short sterling rates therefore have an important impact on how monetary policy is discussed by the newspapers, in the personal finance as well as the economics columns. This was certainly the case in the spring of last year, when short sterling was discounting base rates at around 8.5 per cent by March 1996, despite base rates then standing at

only 6.75 per cent. The markets noted that base rates had been increased three times in half-point stages in five months, starting in September 1994, and they expected a similar rate of in-



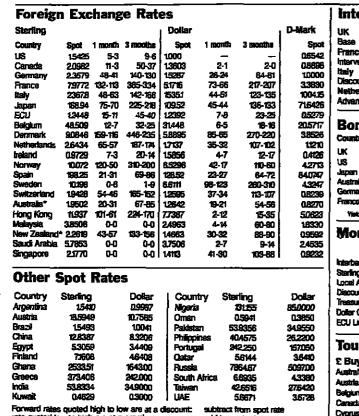
was equally fast, after Mr Clarke defied requests for higher interest rates from the Governor of the Bank of England in May and June. The markets' view of the likely future paths of short rates plunged by more than 2 per cent and mortgage demand began to recover rapidly. Yet actual base rates were

unchanged between February and

rate rising by only 0.75 per cent from its low.

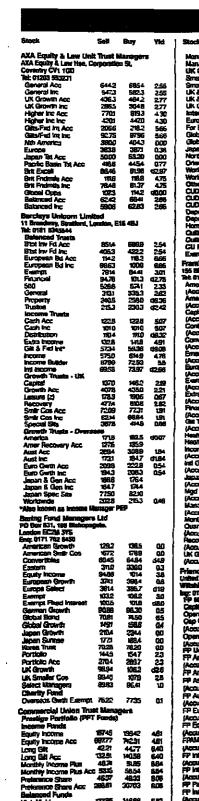
December. If the change in constitute to reduce the risk of inflation sumers' sensitivity to interest rate exshould also be much smaller than we pectations is effectively permanent (and the modest easing of the liquidity problem shown on the chart the Budget in November, perhaps suggests that it is likely to persist for many years) then it is both a bless-ing and a curse to the authorities. On the upside, the absolute level of in-terest rates is likely to remain very low by the standards of the Seven-

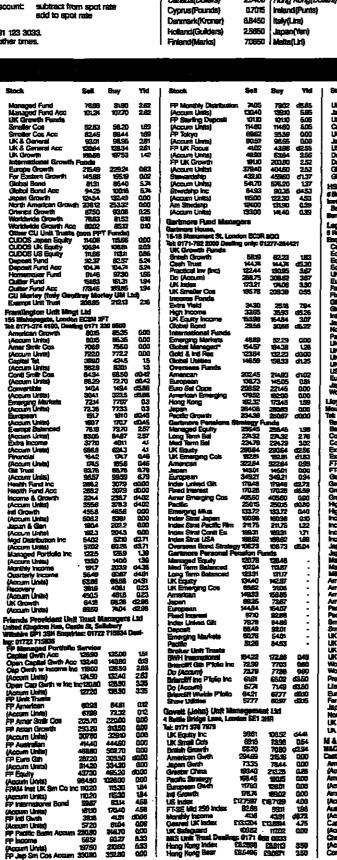
side is that if the markets don't like because unsustainable tax cuts are offered, then interest rate expectations will rise, and the housing recovery could be snuffed out - just in time for the election.



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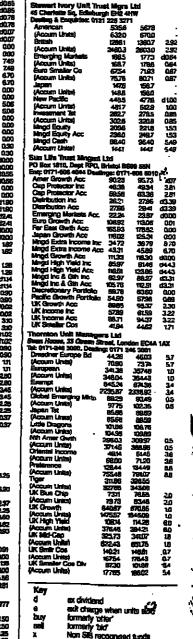




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# . Princess ready for her Derby

JURDAY 29 JUNE 1996

SUE MONTGOMERY

The focus may be on the Curragh on Sunday, but the big Irish race is not the only Derby on the weekend agenda. The greyhounds have their moment of glory at Wimbledon on Saturday night, and before that the Pitmen's version - the Northumberland Plate - will be run at Newcastle.

The Gosforth Park race - a two-mile handicap - is a Derby in nickname only, but if Snow Princess can win it, her popularity with the public could approach that of Shaamit. The bay filly is going for a six-timer, and has been installed 3-1 favourite to achieve the feat.

The Weinstock family's progressive four-year-old, trained by Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley and to be ridden by David Harrison, is officially one of the most improved animals in the country, having risen 23lb in the weights since she won at Chepstow last October.

Bookmakers and punters agree that she is still ahead of the handicapper. Her trainer is not so sure, though he admit-ted: "She is lightly-raced, but having said that, the handicapper has had plenty of opportunities to look at her and she did face a big rise after winning the November Handicap at Doncaster last year.

Snow Princess, who will work

SALISBURY

ian Sable 5.00 Faraway Lass

HYPERION

2.00 Tregaron 2.30 Arctic Thunder 3.00 Ember

3.30 Falkenham 4.00 Sunley Secure 4.30 Russ-

GOING: Cood to Fam (Firm in places).
STALLS: Straight, course - far saide; Im 2f - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Right-hand course, mainly uphill and testing.

Race-course is 3m SW of city off A3094. Salisbury station (Locdon, Waterloo-Exterr line) 3m. Bus service to course. ADMISSION: Members \$12.50; Tattersulfs &8; Course Enclosure 54 (accompanied under-16s free all enclosures). Prices bold until end 1936. CAR PARK: Free.

BLINEREED FIRST TIME: Above The Cut (2.00), Samba Sharply (2.00), Lord Jim (2.30). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Superior Force (4.00)

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LONG-DISTANCE EUNNESS: Sumba Sharply (2.00) A Hide; Docklands Courier (3.00) B McMath; Ember (3.00) I. Cument; Lady Godiva (3.30) M Poligare and Sticchs And Stones (2.00) Mrs (2.

2.00 NOEL CANNON MEMORIAL HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,650 added 1m

2.30 HERBERT AND GWEN BLAGRAVE STAKES (CLASS C) £7,650 added 1m 8f

BEITING: 7-4 Which Of File, 9-4 Arctic Thumber, 7-2 Edipo Ro, 5-1 Lord

3.00 DEVERBL MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 2f

7 590-2 LAVINDER DELIA (27) M F-Godley 3 9 5 ... W J O'Comor 1.1
8 004 EMBER (22) L Currani 3 9 4 ... Pat Eddery 8
9 0-00006 TARRAN (USA) (22) G Boding 4 9 4 ... A Clark B
10 20-0004 RACING HAWN (USA) (22) G Boding 4 9 4 ... A Clark B
11 0-53 DEMANGE MURBER (22) (87) I Boding 3 9 3 ... Marin Dayar (9) 3
12 5400-4 GSCAR ROSE (24) Lord Humington 3 9 0 ... D Harcison 5
13 450000- DOCLARDIS COURER (211) B MeMech 4 9 0 ... Relef 16
6-6000 MORRINGE SIR (24) C Barwell 3 8 13 ... DR McCaba 4
15 000 ALAVIAL (24) P Weshyn 3 8 9 ... R Hills 1
16 600-00 HAMA-A-CHEF (46) B SORT 3 8 7 ... M Teibhat 6
17 450000- SUBFRANCK (200 W Mar 5 8 1 ... C Delice 12

10 COUNTY COUNTY

1-23 CAMP FOLLOWER (12) J Dunlop 3 8 7 .... - 5 declared -

test over Saturday's distance at Doncaster in May and came through with flying colours, beating subsequent Ascot Gold Cup fifth Latahaab by four lengths on her seasonal debut. Lord Huntingdon added: "Once she'd proved she stayed two miles, this race was always

her target."
Willie Carson's mount Celeric, who was touched off by Corradini at York last time, is second choice in the ante-post skir-

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: State Theatre (Newbury 8.30) NB: Juwwi (Newbury 6.30)

mishes at 4-1, with Orchestra Stall and Istabraq - not yet confirmed as a runner - at 10-1. The man in form, Kieren Fal-

lon, on the mark for Michael Stoute at Royal Ascot with Dazzie and second only to Pat Eddery in numbers of winners this year, will team up again with the big Newmarket yard when he rides Fujiyama Crest, currently quoted at 12-1.

Neil Kennedy, who inched Philidor home in the Schweppes Golden Mile for James Eustace and Jeff Smith three years ago, gets his chance to shine for the same connections on Invest

today and tomorrow in preparation for her task, had her first one of its heroes with the sale one of its heroes with the sale of last year's Gold Cup winner Double Trigger to Saudi Arabia. The horse's trainer, Mark Johnston, described the imminent loss of the popular five-year-old from his Middleham yard as "devastating", but would not criticise the chestnut's owner Ron Huggins. This was an offer that Ron

could not have refused. It was just too good to turn down." Johnston said. "But it is obviously going to leave a huge gap and, although we do still have his full-brother Double Eclipse, that, I can tell you, is no con-solation for losing this fellow."

Double Trigger, beaten by Classic Cliche in this year's Gold Cup, cost just 7.200 guineas as a yearling and has won 10 races and more that £300,000 in prize money. On the Irish Derby front, the

Godolphin pair Don Micheletto and Sharaf Kabeer will be ridden by Richard Quinn and John Murtagh respectively.
The Dubai-based operation

field one of the four intended British challengers for Sunday's big race in France, the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, in the filly Russian Snows.
Paul Cole's dual Group One

winner Strategic Choice, David Loder's Derby Italiano hero Ba-hamian Knight and Paul Kelleway's Hardwicke Stakes fourth Lear White make up the raiding party.

1 FALKENHAM (26) P Cole 8 11

NOBLE HERO J Sheehan R 1

DEBONAUR (20) (BIF) & Limis 7 13.

O LADY GOODNA (127) M Polytons 7 13 ... RSTRAL PLANE J Moore 7 10.

MILLADIL EXPRESS / Moore 7 10\_

066 SCHETAR (36) P Main 120....

BETTING: 8-11 Falkenham, 7-4 Class Distinction, 12-1 Lady Godin 16-1 Debonain, 20-1 Noble Hero, 25-1 Prainte Minstrel, 33-1 others

CARNARVON AMATEUR REDERS H'CAP (CLASS F) £3,500 added 3Y0 1m

313435 GENERAL HAVEN (12) T Houghton 11.9 \_\_Nex J Naughton 4 035001 SUPERIOR FORCE (5) (0) B Sandas 11.8 (5ex\_Mss J Micros 7

0-01533 SOUND CHECK (5) (CD) B Meeten 21.1 ... Miss J Allison 1 B

140431 SUMLEY SECURE (13) (D) M Channon 10 13 Mas J. Winter 6

80-0435 BOLD ENDUSH (10) (BF) B Hills 10 13\_\_\_Mr C B Hills (5) 3

4-03105 NO SYMPARMY (23) G L Moore 10 10 ......Mr K Gobie 9

4.30 SOUTHAMPTON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 2YO 71

restair Flyer, 9-4 Russian Sebie, 7-2 Spondaticies, 9-2

BETTING: 7-2 Sunley Secure, 4-1 Superior Force, 9-2 Seneral H 5-1 Sound Check, 6-1 Nimosa, 10-1 Schulter, 12-1 others

02130 GROVEFAIR FLYER (21) 8 Meetion 9 2....

004 REBUNE (95) R Johnson Houghton 8 10 .....

013 RUSSIAN SABLE (10) M Charmon 89 .....

Rebuko, 10-1 Asigniari, 20-1 Maria Di Castiglia, 66-1 others

- 8 declared -

5.00 ALINGTON HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200

065-412 HOMEN LASS (12) [2] [27] [27] Loui Huntington 396\_ Himse Cross (7) 1 

550-006 WINDSWEPT (15) D french Davis 3 8 11 \_\_\_\_\_ D Harrison 3 

11 000-00 OSCENGITS GFT (18) P Burgiyne 4 7 10 .............. N Adams 4

- 11 declared bilinimum weight; 7st 10th. True handicap weight: Oscilights Gift Gist 13th.

BETTING: 7-2 Likiboliz, 4-1 Lucky Havenge, 8-2 Featurey Lass, 13-2 St-houstle, 7-1 Mrs McBadger, 8-1 Out Line, Corniche Quest, 12-1 others

O TOP TITTER (31) A Foster 8 3.

added filles of

10 060-056 SILHOUETTE (20) D Elsenath 3 7 11 ....

004 OUT LINE (12) M Madginch 4 9 13 ...

6 PRAIRE MINSTREL (USA) (39) R Dickin 8 4 ... Dane O'Nelli 3

It was confirmed yesterday 3.30 CHAMPAGNE AUCTION STAKES (CLASS B) £15,000 added 2YO 7f



### **Philosopher** repels rivals

Royal Philosopher, making his second trip to France, proved best of the British quartet at Evry yesterday by running out a game winner of the Listed one-mile Prix Lovelace.

Under a typically polished ride from Olivier Peslier, the John Hills-trained runner made most and, although tiring towards the finish, he had enough in reserve to repel local hope Super Gascon. The Pari-Mutuel paid a win dividend of 5.3-1.

## Swinburn 'perfect'

ysterday. Swinburn, examined yesterday by Dr Michael Turn-er, the Jockey Club's chief med-ical officer, has steadily been nursed back to health since suffering a broken shoulder, broken ribs and bruised lungs in a fall at Sha Tin racecourse,

Turner today, and then he will go to see a neurosurgeon to-

## Walter Swinburn could make a morrow or on Friday," Swin-

is absolutely perfect."

Hong Kong, in February,
"Walter has gone to see Dr

return to race riding as early as next week, his father Wally said but Walter is absolutely fabubut Walter is absolutely fabulous. I reckon he could be riding by the end of next week. It's the bones that have taken the time to repair. The lungs and the bones have been a problem but his head is fine and now he

> Swinburn jnr has recently returned from a holiday in Jamaica and yesterday rode fast work in Newmarket for the first time since his accident.

### UTTOXETER

HYPERION 6.45 Wynberg 7.15 Miss Souter 7.45 Fly The

Wind 8.15 Djais 8.45 Sword Beach 9.15 Birthday Boy Left-hand course. Run-in of 170w

Course is SE of town near B5017. Uttoxeter station (Derby-Crewe line) adjoins course. ADMISSION: (Jub 515 (OAPs 512); Tataensalis 510 (OAPs 57); Course 53. CAR PARE: Prec.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: I Don't Think So (6.45), Stonecrop (8.45), Prince Rocksway (7.15), Boost (9.15). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Movac (7.45) sent 288 miles from

### Miss Lorinda V Russell's Milmathon, stable on Tayside, Primer Rock-away (7.16) sent 236 miles from N Lampard's Kingsbridge, sta-6.45 UTTOXETER MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E)

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	10	042B-5	LIMOSA (19) Mas L Richards 5 10 12 N Richards 5 10 12	Ξ

12 501540- SEVER BIRD (26) M Ryan 4 10 5. - 12 declared -ETTING: 9-4 Broombill Boy, 4-1 Wysberg, 9-2 Ordog Mor, 6-1 httpg://do. 10-1 Limona, Dencing At Labora, 12-1 other

### 7.15 SELLING HCAP HLRDLE (CLASS STOP) PP002-2 SOMERISEN NICHE (148-(C) (EF) M Pipe 8 12 0\_D Bala

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4	36314-6	CROMABOO CROWN (13) P Basen 5 11 2W Worthinston
5	P60035-	ERLEMO (25) W Clay 7 11 2 P. Johnson
6	40/5030-	MARYJO (104) Mess C Caroe 7 10 13
7	6/1UP4/-	THEY ALL FORGOT ME (\$40) A Carol 9 10 10 Mins C Dyson
8	600048-	MESS SOUTHER (35) H Hove 7 10 10 R Drawpork 1
9	P05-	OLIVER-J (38) J Medae 5 10 9 P Supple
10	U642U-3	MALZIG (USA) (8) (D) J Joseph 7 10 9C Liencelly:
11	P3F00-3	WHISTLING CEPSY (18) (D) H Obser 11 10 6bacqui Olivo
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13	008005-	SOUPREME (55) Man M Reveloy 4 10 5
14	05500-5	NANDURA (13) Mass A Embinose 5 10 5
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16	305650-	CARDEA CASTLE (31) J Hollers 8 10 1S Taylor (5)
17	OFFICE	ARROGANT BOY (267) S Clark 7 10 0
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Rockerry Sci Str. SETTING: 9-2 Injunction, 5-1 Sovereign Niche, 6-1, Miss So

### 7.45 BURTON MAIL NOVICE CHASE SKY (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 71 12531-2 MOVAC (21) (BF) Mass Lucinos V Russell ? 11 8... A Thoraton 60/4-1 FLYTHE WIND (8) (D) M Ppc 11 11 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_ D Bridgenter 000g/4 DUSTYS TRAIL (8) P Bowen 7 11 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr R Thornton (7) 2PP 46 HIZAL (8) H Mannen 7 11 2 Mr A Clambe-Jones 043F3- IMPSRAL VINTAGE (27) K Baley 6 11 2 R Duswoody 31JASP4 MENGURS (428) N Pombe 7 11 2 Mr J Calloty (3) OUGS-4 MUSIC SCORE (18) Mis L Taylor 10 11 2 R Supple 15P033- WANT (31) J White 6 10 11

- 9 deciared -BETTING: 6-4 Fly The Wind, 4-1 Movac, 6-1 Call Me Albi, 7-1 Imperiel Vin tags, 8-1 Dustys Trail, Wakt, 12-1 others.

### 8.15 GALWAY H'CAP HURDLE TRIAL SKY. 320614 DHALS (FR) (SER ) Jenkins 7 11 8... 23214-0 NY SDITH (7) 1 MBs 6 11 3. 1/8/22-0 HMCKETTS CROSS (7) P Eccles 8 11 2 \_\_\_\_\_Related Quest

LITO WEIGHT 10st. Trus handicae weights: Classic Fahilla Our 17th Horse BETTRIG: 5-2 Djals, 11-4 Sahez, 6-1 Waxadka, by Edith, 7-1 Classic E

8 51113-4 CLASSIC EXHIBIT (7) (CD) A Streem 7 10 0 \_\_\_\_\_\_ T Bay 9 254C5-2 KALZARI (USA) (118) (D) A Carolf 11 10 0 \_\_\_\_\_ B Moore (7)

### hibit, 8-1 Hacketts Cross, 12-1 others. 8.45 GALWAY PLATETRIAL HEAP CHASE SKY

OF53FF- CROSULA (26) (CD) M Pipe 8 12 0 ... 6165-63 SWORD BEACH (13) Mrs M Reseley 12 11 6 Prives 11P1-12 SASKAYS HERO (12) J Bottomby 9 11 5 D Byrne 50500-2 FLYING ZMD (7) (D) H Marriers 13 10 0\_Mr A Charl - 4 declared -

num weight; 10st. True hendicap weight: Plying Zind Bat 8th. BETTING: 5-4 Crossis, 9-4 Sword Beach, 5-2 Saskia's Here, 25-1 Plying

## 9.15 BRINDLEY HONDA LIFE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m

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1	03061U-	GOVERNOR DANGEL (47) J O'Shea 5 11 7
2	3644-1	BERTHDAY BOY (18) (CD) J Jeniers 4 11 7 Osborne V
3	FFQ04-2	RETABLE CORRECT (8) B Baugh 5 11 0
4		GUARDS BRIGADE J Hetheron 5 11 0
5	PP0045/-	LITTLE ROUSELLON (416)   Greathead & 11 O. W Humphreys
8	<b>65002</b> -5	PEGASUS BAY (19) W Hands 5 11 0
7	30-	POSITIVO (107) Mass C Caroe 5 11 0
8	6522-	PRUSSIA (31) W Cay 5 11 0 R Johnson
9	Q#-	TOP BANK (841) R Holinshead 8 11 0 Miss S Shanatt
10	00-	BOOST (203) Mrs N Macauley 4 10 9
11		SHAHRANI M Pipe 4 10 9 D Bridgester
12	UEP33-	SLIGHTLY SPECIAL (80) Mrs P Granger 4 10 9 Mr A Phillips
13	6-	SPECIALIZE (47) K Burke 4 10 9 A Larnach
14	00D-	TRIOUBLE'S BREWING (28) P Webber 5 10 9 A Thronton
15		COME ON WINN Miss S Witton 4 10 4 T Bloy
		_ 15 declared _

r Daniel, 4-1 Birthday Boy, 5-1 Shahrani, 6-1 Presein. 8-1 Perfecte Bay, 14-1 Guards Ericado, 16-1 others

## Seeing is believing for owner

to victory for the first time following Village King's win in the feature Gibbs New Bibury Cup Handicap at Salisbury yesterday.
"I've had winners before in this country but this is the first time I've been here when one has won" admitted Ahamad. Village King was given a confident ride by John Egan

16 800-00 HANN-A-CHIEF PROF M MEET 5 8 1... 17 450/000 SUPERMICK (300) W MEET 5 8 1...

who delivered the colt with a late run to peg back Generosa near the line. "He's not a bad sort of horse and obviously rel-

Trinidad-based owner Nazir ished the step up to a mile and a half for the first time," said Hannon. "When he was two I wondered if he'd ever win a race but he's much better as a three earlier in the day. year old and I'll look for another handicap, maybe over an extra

two furlongs, he added.
Peter Walwyn sent out his first juvenile winner of the season when debutante Arruhan took the Weyhill Maiden Stake. Despite being slowly away, the filly picked up leader Chili Concerto inside the distance. Walwyn was full of enthusi-

he had entered her for the Lowther Stakes at York and Newmarket's Cheveley Park

"She was the pick of Sheikh Hamdan's in Ireland last year and is a lovely filly who would probably win in a showring," said the Lambourn handler. Mister Jolson earned a crack at next month's Goodwood

Stewards Cup Handicap when beating Tart And A Half in the Solent Premier Club Spring Handicap.

### RACING RESULTS

SALISBURY 2,00: 1 ARRIMAN (R His) 9-2); 2 Chili pocento 50-1: 2 Rise 'N Shine 10-1 8 Concerto 50-1: 2. Rise W Stine 10-1: 8 raq. 4-7 fav Royal Crohid (8th), 34, 245, (P Walwyn, Lambourn). Totae £5.80; £1.60, £3.70, £1.30 DF: £78.50 CSF. £117.84 2.30: 1. STRAZO (Pst Edder); 5-4 fsr, 2. Chang. 7-2: 3. STR Cleans 7-2; 3. S8p J8g 6-1. 6 ran. ½, 5. U Gosden, Newmarket). Totae £2-20; £2-30, £1-80. DF: £2-20. CSF: £5-46.



3.00: 1. MISTER JOLSON (S Drowns) 4-1; 2. Tart And A Helf 5-1; 3. Golden Pound

9-2. 5 mar. 11-4 fav Bowden Rose (4th). Hd, 4z. (R. Hodges, Somerton). Totac £4.40; £1.70, £1.90. DF. £7.50. CSP. £19.77. 8.30: 1. VILLAGE KING (J F Estat) 13-2: 2. Generosa 3-1; 3. Bonded Over 3-1. 5 ran, 2-1 fav Ea-Yis-Mou (4th), V<sub>2</sub>, 6. (R Hon-non, East Everleigh). Total: 16.30; £2.00, £1.50. DP. £10.80. CSP: £24.20.

4.05: 1. MONUMENT (B Doja) 4-1; 2. Witherlay 8-1; 3. Blockade 5-2. 8 ran. 9-4 fav Reinhardt (4th). 44, 1. U King, Swindon). Tokes (5.10; £2.50, £2.00, £1.60 DP. (16.20, £55). 520 DP. £16.20. CSF: £31.96. 4.30: 1. BANDIT GIRL (J Reid) 100-30 jt fav; 2. Angis-Nu 8-1; 3. White Settler 20-1 10 ram. 100-30 jt fav Velvet Jones (41%).

Hd, ¾4. [I Balding, Kingsolere], Tota: £3.60; £2.00, £2.10, £3.70. DF: £25.30. CSF: £27,19. Trio: £131.30. Place of: £402.06. Place 5: £102.32.

CARLISLE 2.15: 1. RED CAMELLIA (G Dutleki) 9-4 jt fav; 2. Damehlii Princess 9-4 jt fav; 3. Re Distinct 12-1 8 rap. 1, 34s. (Sir Mark Prescott, Newmarkst), Tota: £2.80; £1.90, £1.10, £3.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £8.01.

2.45: 1. SENSE OF PRIORITY (Alex Graves) 4-1; 2. Saldmarov 3-1 fav; 3. Beet Kept Secret 17-2. 13 ran. 2, nt. (D Nichola, Thissio. Totes 58.70; 52.50, 52.20, 53.00. DF: £11.70. CSF-£16.98. Tric. £18.80. 3.15: 1. BEFULSIVE ARE (J Fortune) 3.15: 1. BMPULSIVE ARR () Fortune)
11-1; 2. Power Borne 3-1; 3. Hallmannerror
10-11 fav. 4 ran. 1, 2. (E Waymes, Leyburn).
Total £12-30. DF: £11-40. CSF: £36.66.
3.45: 1. HABEETA §D.Uffeld 7-1; 2. Spanish Verdict 7-2; 3. Bulsara 9-1. 10 ran.
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Richmond, Total £8.30; £3.00, £1.30.
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Exercourse is south-east of town near AM. Ballway station (service from London additional) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members 519 (Junaors up to 21) years hall additional and part of the part nice); Tattersalls SS; Silver Ring SS (OAPs half price) CAR PARK: Free; plente sees is per car plus SS per person.

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■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNINERS: P Chapple Dynn — 37 winners from 143 runners gives a success ratio of 25.5% and a loss to a \$1 level stake of \$4.57; R Hamson — 33 winners, 444 runners, 7.5%, \$207.04; J Gooden — 31 winners, 128 runners, 24.6%, \$4.84; P Cole — 19 winners, 173 runners, 10.7%, \$4.12.83.
■ LEADING JOCKIPS: Pat Eddery — 44 winners, 25.7 rickes, 16.7%, \$5.10; L Declor! — 38 winners, 210 rides, 18.1%, \$40.08; W Carson — 34 winners, 221 rides, 15.4%, \$61.21; T Quinn = 27 winners, 237 ricks, 11.4%, \$518.43.
■ RIPINERED PTRST TROE: Summerical Special (8.00).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.
LONG-DESTANCE RUNNERS: Double Agent (8.20) has been sent 217 uples by M Johnston from Maddictum, North Yorkshire; Poutherstone Lane (7.00) sent 231 miles by Miss L Sakhil from Colon. North Yorkshire; Poutherstone Lane (7.00) sent 231 miles by Miss L Sakhil from Colon. North Yorkshire;

6.30 POTHUNTERS/RAINBOW TRUST MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO c8g 6f Pensity Value £3,850 

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Peter Chapple-Hyam will almost certainly be fielding a useful contender here in SOVIET STATE after warning here with the two-year-olds Daylight in Dubia, Raven Master and Ocean Ridge this season. The latter pair are owned by Robert Sangaler and he paid 275,000 dollars for Sowet State, who is by Nueryes out of useful maker Absentia and is therefore a brother to the smart Doncing Dissident. Javvini, by Muttahad out of a speech dam, warnt under by only half a length to Close Relative in a Notingham mattern legit days ago after attempting to make oil. Close Relative he a Notingham mattern legit days ago after attempting to make oil. Close Relative in a Notingham mattern legit days ago after attempting to make oil. Close Relative probably won that because of an edge in experience, having previously unit second to flusphy in a Goodwood made which matried the debut of subsequent Window winner Melatione. Richard Hammon nurs Alm Seven and Efforwescence but both may need more time and Hetry Ceol's newcomer Flashing West seems more Richy to figure.

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1995: Tao Banana 4 10 0 W Newnes 5-2 (H Canoh) 5 ran
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It is worth paying closer otherition to the three-year-olds in all-aged handicaps from now
on, but in this instance it may be best to rely on the socyear-old mere BANGLES in a
race that just lacks the usual competitive edge of a Newbury apinit. She won off a sunfar mark over five furtongs on tost ground at Salsbury last August and then ran well under 10st in a Notungham handicap to be then of 24 to Chadwell Hall. Peetherstone
Laine (13th) reopposes on 9 to worse terms and Bangles shaped by no means badly on
her reappearance when ternit of 14 to Sir Joby et Salsbury 16 days ago, being given an
easy time through the closing stages. Margic Mail is a three-year-old conceding weight,
but he has recently shaped with more promise then his Beverley and Windsor finishing
positions might suggest. Martica Main has so far shown his best form on the all-westher
and Shap On Deglas has a bit more to death-deating in a filled molden at Warwick three weeks ago. Shil, she wasnot unfanced for that seasonal debut and she has a
good apprentice on top. Clain Chief showed good speed in races at two years and it must
have encouraged connections when he kept on well to fill second spot behind Bouchfile
Grouge in a 14-numer handicap at Lurgfield last Salviday.

Selection: BANGLES

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7.30 CITY INDEX MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 SKY added 2YO filles of 8yds Penalty Value £4,370 

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CRYSTAL CROSSING is another likely-looking debutante for Peter Chapple-Hyam. This filly is by Royal Academy out of a close relative of Americala, who had binding pace, and Favordas. Paul Cole's newcomer, Fig Tree Drive, is by Missaid and is well related the dam is a sater to a Hollywood Derby winner as well as the smart Upper Nite. Min Alhawa was second for the Dick Hem stable in last year's corresponding race and the stable's representative lindare oculd be decent. She is by Daylor out of a dam (won Argentina). 1.000 Guineas) from a good South American family. Sunta Ross is related to some speedy types and Tumbleweed Pearl is of impress before a participate to Stock Machania. types and Tumbleweed Pearl is of interest, being a half-sister to Brian Meehan's heart Hill winner Tumbleweed Ridge. Raindencing will be a stumbling block to the newcomers. She has nade the frame or maiders at Goodwood and here and should again give a good account even if an extra furlong might be needed. Selection: CRYSTAL CROSSING

8.00 TARMAC HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added SKY 

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There was planty of interest in Alicebury HIT when sine made her debut, finishing fourth, in the two-year-old filtes' madden on this day last year. She is out of a ester to El Gran, senor and Try My Best. Unfortunately, she hasn't gone on quite as hoped and has been well besten in handicaps this year. Balcheta, on the other hand, has done Gay Kelleway proud. This filty was a desappointing medicin with Ken Ivory at three, but she followed up Sandown and Windsor (dead-heater was Stenung DANCER who was showing improved form and stayed on well. Simon Dow reports that me daughter of Rambow Quest has had to overcome some temperament problems and now that she has apparently turned the comer, further success should follow. Miles Hamersham is a madden with too weight and Aldenesh has been below form so far this term, so a to tigger threat may be Arreeb who won a Redicar maiden in May before a creditable third to Sister Act at Yarmouth after making most. Six can poorly in the soft and is probably best on the summer going. This yea of trop surely surts her better than the mile she tackled when fifth of 12 to Cherlotte Conday at Salistury last one and she showed a spant of shifty in a mile maiden at Doncaster last uturn, finishing fourth to Overruled.

Selection: SANNING DANCER

8.30 COOPERS & LYBRAND HYCAP (CLASS D) £6,000 SKY added 3YO 1m 5f 61yds Penalty Value £4,370 

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VEILED DANCER is a filly in her first handcap and she will be hard pushed to beat a progressive stayer like the geiding Double Agent, but she have taken the eye as a potential staying type in maidans and was noted running on with a will at the end the one-mile Newmarket maiden won by Alvho at Newmarket. 19 days ago. She is closely related to a 12-furiong winner and the dam is a helf-ester to smart middle-distance stayer Casey. Double Agent as 95b higher than when winning from Flocheck at Haydock but there should still be unprovement in him. He followed up under a 48b penalty at Nottingham only three days later, being driven clear of Satska. Thee seems no reason why a two-mile trip should not suit him equally as well, at the vary least, but here he drops back a furiong. Still. Michael Roberts will give him a good ride and the a combination which will be popular. State Theatre is a stayer in the making and it will be disenpointing if he cannot leave his recent disapporting Saksbury form beithed, while Campair Impressed with the gray way he kept up the gallop when fourth to Temptress over 12 furiongs here lest time. Regal Eagle was fifth and may be improving a little. Compairs Pointer, Dashwilmile and Steammalter Standy all have potential for improvement.

Selection VEILED DANCER

9.00 WFT STAKES (CLASS C) £7,650 added 1m Penalty 

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BETTMO: 3-1 How Long, 7-2 Night City, Polinesco, 9-2 Assan Ajech, 5-1 Louis' Queen, 7-1 King
1995: Sub 3 8 8 W Carson 4-5 (A Sevent) 4 ran

POLINESSO is a scopey son of Polish Procedent and he is likely to improve on what we have seen so far. He won a 16-numer Ripon making in April and then improved on that we have seen so far. He won a 16-numer Ripon making in April and then improved on that when, returning from a two-month absence, he was third to Restructure at Nottingham. He was given on his debut and the Nottingham mus should have ask thim up a treat. King of Peru could be fancied if torgiven a below-per effort against Ramouz as Epsom less time, while Tarte Aux Pomisses halfs from the Civie Brown year doing well just now but was last of seven to Bel Harbour as Epsom when making her British debut. Louis? Queen is useful and will be better for her Epsom fifth to Donna Viola, numming on at one pace in fifth after being held up. She draw a blank last year but will be pieced to advantage by John Dunlop who has plenty of options with his knowledge of the European rating celender. Kusamtan has been a let down in the main since entering the tray in a blace of gory by wirring last year's Windoor Castle Stakes at Rotal Accot. Preferred is Amerik Ajeeb, up against it from a moderate draw in the Royal Hurs. Cup.

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Smith told the assembled

"The bidding had been like

Spencer - was yesterday as much as it did. It is unlike bought at auction for a world anything I have experienced at

record £188.100. The price for an auction before," he said the lordship of Wimbledon. Asked to comment on who beat the previous record of the new owner might be he £110,00 pand for the lordship of said: "It could well be some

Strationd-upon-Avon.
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mained a secret following the frantic telephone hidding at

Stationer's Hali, central Lon-

don, but there was immediate

speculation that the buyer

was the three-times Wimble-don champion, Boris Becker,

who has particular fondness

However, the German

scuppered that rumour when

he denied he was now a lord.

"I am quite happy with being Boris Becker," he said.

the Menorial Society, dealt with a welter of bids from

Robert Smith, chairman of

for the tournament.

**GUY HODGSON** 

There have been times at Wimbledon this week when it seemed the words women and surprise might never come in close conjunction again. The impression was wholly wrong. Just when it seemed the top players were sweeping everything out of their path, Monica Seles stumbled, recovered and then fell out of the tournament.

The No 2 seed, winner of nine Grand Slam titles, was beaten 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 by Katarina Studenikova, a shock underlined by her opponent's lack of pedigree. The Slovakian had visited the All England Club three times before and on each occasion had been beaten in the first round. Yesterday the world No 59 shattered what had anpeared to be the rigid predictability in the women's game.

Instead of being overawed on No 1 Court, she fought like an alley cat against Seles, who was playing in only her second match at the All England since returning from a four-year absence caused by her lay-off after her stabbing in Hamburg in April 1993.

Studenikova combined a mixture of power and guile, drawing the strength out of her oppo-nent's shots with sliced backhands and then going for winners with thumping blows on the other wing. Normally it is Seles who hits the corners; this time it was the slender 23-year-old blonde at the other end of the court.

I had chances to close out the third set zillions of times," Seles said, discounting any suggestion that a halt for rain in the decider might have disrupted her rhythm. I felt I wasn't going for shots. I was waiting for her to make mistakes and that didn't happen. Her tactics were

ing to Studenikova's backhand which was causing her so many problems she replied simply: "I don't know. I made many errors. I have to learn from them."

Seles defeated Studenikova 6-1, 6-1 on the way to winning the Australian Open in January but June has been a bad month for a player who admits to a timidity that was not there be-fore her enforced break. In Paris she lost in the quarter-finals and now she has gone out in the second round, her earliest departure from Wimbledon. Her only success was last week's win at Eastbourne, a humble crumb of comfort.

Not that Seles did not have the chance to extricate herself from the court where she lost to Zina Garrison in 1990. In the first set she squandered five successive games from a 5-3 lead and in the decider she led 2-0 and 4-2. Studenikova continued to go for her shots, however, breaking twice, the second time to 15. Seles' final stroke, a misdirected doublehanded forehand down the line, forced by the weight of the reply,

was a cameo of the whole match. If Seles' defeat was a huge shock, there were tremors in the shape of defeats for two other sceds - Amanda Coetzer and Irina Spirlea, ranked 14th and 15th in the women's event.

Coetzer, from South Africa, has a nickname, the "Mighty Atom", which probably owes more to her size than to her explosive tennis although she did reach the semi-finals of the Australian Open and reached the last 16 at Wimbledon two years ago. Yesterday she was split open 7-6, 2-6, 6-3 by the American Meredith McGrath. Romania's Spirlea had the

distinction of being the only seed to drop a set until yesterday but went one better, surrendering 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 to Argentina's Ines Gorrochategui although both upsets should be put in the



Nail-biting: Monica Seles contemplates defeat on No 1. Court yesterday

beaten her opponent before. The prize for the most onesided match of the day had to go to Anke Huber's 6-2, 6-1 thrashing of Pam Shriver which was the sort of contest that would have had boxing spectators baying for the promoter's blood if anyone had the gall to put it in a ring.

The Centre Court crowd is just about the easiest in the world to wring a sentimental tear from but even this lot can recognise ancient hemp when they see it, and although they

plause at the end there was a definite "goodbye and don't come back" feel to it. We like you Pam, but not that much. The American was never the

most sprightly thing on two legs even in her prime but a few days before her 34th birthday she resembled those super tankers that take 20 miles of ocean and half a day to change direction. Huber, the fifth seed, merely had to switch the play from left to right and the point came to an embarrassing halt.

bounced over the net. "So that's it for me on Centre Court," she said. "A ping-pong serve. I wouldn't have minded hitting another one just to prove I could actually hit one over the net." Shriver exchanged glances with the referee, Alan Mills, as

golfer swinging and missing on the 18th tee, making a double-

fault with a serve that bounced

a few feet in front of her and then

she left the court confirming what they both knew: her days as a singles player are num-bered. "We both sort of looked As a finale yesterday, Shriv-er achieved the equivalent of a at each other," she said, "and

Photograph: Fiona Hanson/PA

thought 'well, this is probably the last one out here, possibly the last one anywhere'. I didn't get too emotional after the match, I was too embarrassed. But I got very emotional beforehand."

Shriver, who is working for BBC television during the fort-night, said she was hoping to use

her influence to make sure no highlights of the match were screened. "I'm going to see if I can get up without hitting my head," she said on her way out. Her best shot of the day was

reception from the crowd.

Pam asked her mother to at-

Of course, a hidden agenda for the invitation could have been Shriver's 34th birthday on 4 July. She has not celebrated a birthday at home since 1978 and the lure of a home-made

### Asked why she kept return- context that neither seed had gave Shriver sympathetic ap-Milligan's marathon Giant-killers march on

John Roberts

There were some notable winners in the Michael Stich, and Luke Milligan, whose amazing adventure continued when the 19-year-old from Middlesex advanced to the third round after winning his second five-set marathon in 24

Milligan's victory guaranteed that Britain would be represented in the fourth round for the fifth year consecutively. His next opponent will be a comnatriot, either Tim Henman or Danny Sapsford.

Having defeated the Swedish Davis Cup player Jonas Bjorkman on Tuesday, Milligan survived a battle of endurance against Nicolas Lapentti, of Ecuador, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7, 6-7, 6-1 in three hours and 46 minutes.

Until this week, Milligan had not won a match other than in satellite and Challenger events and his world ranking, No 278, was 244 places beneath Bjorkman's and 192 below Lapentti's.

Milligan eventually triumphed yesterday by converting his cighth match point - an hour and 50 minutes after his first and during the final two sets the players took turns in hobbling about Court No 13 with cramp.

The scene had been alto- match point and netted a fore-Lapentti saved them, and Milligan recovered from 1-5, he lost the shoot-out, 5-7.

In the fourth set, Milligan led 3-1 and 5-4, but was in pain from the cramp in his left leg took salt tablets during a change-over. He was broken when serving for the match for the first time, two double-faults contributing to his problems.

There was further drama after Milligan broke back to 6-5 and called for the trainer, who told him, "I can't touch you." Grand Slam rules do not allow treatment for what are regarded as injuries associated with

Although Milligan reached level the match,

Lapentti requested the trainer after Milligan had taken a 2-0 lead in the final set, but could only be given tablets and advice. He was warned for delaying the progress of the fourth game as Milligan continued to dominate. Serving for the match for the

gether different in the third set. hand on the seventh, before fi-Villigan, swift to assert himself, nally bringing relief to himself led 6-5 and had two match and the spectators by delivering points on his opponent's serve. a winning backhand volley. Colin Beecher, from Kent,

forced a tie-break. Although became the first of Britain's second-round contenders to fall. losing to Italy's Renzo Furlan, Becker, the No 2 seed, made

an uncomfortable start to his match against Tomas Carbonell, finding himself a set and a break down against the Spaniard before raising his game to win, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 "He's a very tough player," Becker said. "For 10 or 15 minutes he doesn't do much, and all of a sudden he hits winners off great serves. He made some

amazing shots to break me." Stich, the 10th seed, caught up with the rest of the top half of the draw by winning his first round match which had been his third match point in the next suspended overnight. Play regame, Lapentti erased it with a sumed with Stich leading the forehand drive, broke for 6-6, and won the tie-break, 7-3, to set all and 4-1, and the German

did not delay in completing the victory, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2. The ninth-seeded Thomas Enqvist was eliminated by the American MaliVai Washington, 6-4, 7-6, 6-3, but then the 22-year-old Swede has hardly set the place alive, his win against the Canadian Albert Chang in the first round being

RICHARD EDMONDSON China. On court, however, ten-title. It may have helped that she nis players tend to disprove Darwin's theory of evolution, surviving on a banana and wa-Sherpa Tenzing must have felt it after he ter diet we associate more readbillycan for his boss. The main job had been completed but there was still work to be done.

That sensation will have touched the American slingshot victors of the first round when they emerged to carry on the job yesterday. Jonathan Stark and Doug Flach accounted for Jim Courier and Andre Agassi respectively on Monday, but were faced with more prosaic opposition second time around. Both men were shunted to

the backwaters, dismissed to the adjoining courts No 8 and 9 where, unnervingly, players can hear bursts of applause all around but still know that none of it is for them. Even at this early stage of the tournament, pale, dusty patches are spread-ing around the baseline and little, broken-off tufts of earth have to be flicked away from the

Stark and his opponent, Mark Knowles of the Bahamas, are well over 6ft tall and if you were introduced to them in a bar the first word that would come to mind is "sir". The pair would have made good bookends for the Great Wall of court and washed it down with alternate swigs of water and Coca-Cola (you would not have wanted to be near him in the bus queue back home). Big men invariably mean big serves and one phrase that did

not crop up consistently in the courtside cheering was "good rally". Knowles started the match in a bandana, and looked as frightening as an Indian about to descend on a circle of wagons, but by the end the headgear was more a bandage for battered pride. The short exchanges were invariably settled in Stark's favour as he moved to a 6-2, 6-1, 6-2 success. It would be a surprise if

Stark played someone he was not on first-name terms with in the next round. It has been Christmas-card opposition so far, as Courier is a friend of long standing and he has won a doubles tournament with Knowles. But then the all-American boy is very good at re-lationships. Last year he met his mixed doubles partner for the first time just five minutes before they were due on court here and went on to win the

was called Martina Navratilova. The name Flach is also better known in doubles surroundings. Doug's older planted the flagpole ily with our near relatives in the brother, Ken, was an outstandtrees. Stark brought a bunch on ing men's doubles practitioner who won the title in SW19 twice in the late 1980s. So

strong is Ken's connection with his old partner there are probably still those around who think his surname is Flach-And-Robert-Seguso. Flach went on a tour of the capital's sights on Tuesday, studiously avoiding the London Dungeon in case some dis-traught Agassi fans were still around. This was a Groundhog

match from the first round with

Jared Palmer, like Agassi, blast-

ing away in the first set before deteriorating. Flach won 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. Afterwards he outlined how his life had changed in the last few days. "It's been really wild," he said. "I called my Mum after the Agassi match and CBS was in her living room." He did

not mean the channel was showing on her television. Flach has been shaking

hands, giving interviews and fielding phone calls with great grace and treating the whole experience as a compliment. He clearly has some way to go before he can be considered as a

COURT 70%: L Nelland (Lat) v L DAVEN-PORT (US); G IVANSEVIC (Croe) v P Bouteure (Fr); M MALEEVA (Bul) v N Bact et (Fr); M PREIPPOUSSIS and P RAFTER (Aus) v K Rach and D Wheston (US).

and the remain yours.

COURT SEVEN: J Novek (Cz Repj v J Stotenberg (Aus): K Kechwendt (Ger) v R

Dragomir (Rom); J Stotenberg (Aus) and

D Vacek (Cz Rep) v J PALMER (US) and J

D Vacek (Cz Rep) v J PALMER (US) and J

STARK (US); M Lucena and M J McGratt (US) v B Taibot (SA) and C Vis (Neth).

COURT 15: No plan. COURT 18: M GOELLNER (Ger) and Y KAFELNIKOV (Rus) v 8 Behrens and M Lucana (US); A Rusai (Fr) v L M Wild (US); S

Stolle (Aus) v M Larsson (Swe); M Costing (Neth) and E S H Callens (Bel) v L J Bale (SA) and v Basuld (Indon). COURT 17: A Kithov (Mec) and G Mandi (Aut) v J Grabb and R Raneberg (US); N J Arendt (US) v C Porwik (Ger); A Correta (Sp) v J Hasek (Swit); J P Fleurian and G Raoux (Fr)

V M Ondrustes (SA) and P Tramacchi (Aus TO BE ARRANGED: M Huning (Ger) and D Graham (US) v J Grabb and L Wild (US); L B Jansan and N Arendt (US) v P (Gldeny (Aus) Seeded players in CAPITALS



Sunglasses, but no shade for Pam Shriver yesterday as she bowed out to Anke Huber Photograph: David Ashdown

### And mother came, too

probably prove to be her last singles appearance on Centre Court. Although her 6-2, 6-1 defeat against, Anke Huber was hardly the ideal way to bow out, she received a rapturous Leading the applause was

Shriver's mother, Margot, It would be OK." was her first time at the event with her hisband Sam, and only her fourth visit to the All England Club

tend only five days before, and the line of a home-made when she was feeling a little cake may well have proved irnostalgic about her 17th ap-

I started to think about Wimbledon last week. I realised it might be my last time to play and I wanted to have one of my family with me. I talked to Dad first and asked him if he could handle being without Mom for a week or so, and he thought if,

resistible.

### THE SEEDS' PROGRESS **WOMEN'S** SINGLES

MENS SINGLES Pete Sampras Steffi Graf (United States)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

after hitting the final ace, and we were just about to shake hands' - Malivai Washington after

beating No 9 seed Thomas Engvist

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### third time, at 6-1, the Briton his first in three visits. double-faulted on his sixth

M Washington (US) bt T ENQVIST (Swe) 6-4 7-6 6-3 D Rach (US) bt J Palmer (US) 2-6 6-3 6-3 6-4

(Cz Rep) bt F Dewulf (Bel) 1-6 6-26-16

W Ferreira (SA) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 7-5 7-5 6-4 A Redulescu (Ger) bt \$ Pescosolido (It) 4-6-7-7-6-1-10-8 B BECKER (Ger) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 4-6 6-3-6-4-6-2 L Milligan (GB) bit N Lapenth (Ecu) 6-4 6-2 6-7 6-7 6-1

Men's doubles Holders T Woodbridge and M Woodbride (Aus)
First round
J Comde and A Cometta (Sp) bt M Huning
(Ger) and J Ireland (Aus) 6-3 7-6 7-6

B BLACK (Zim) and G CONNELL (Cari) bt P Albano (Ang) and G Koves (Hung) 6-4 6-4 6-4 G FORGET (Fr) and J Hassek (Swri) bt K Jones (US) and P Kuthnen (Ger) 6-2 6-2 6-4 M Ardinghi and N Brune (It) bt S Draper (Aus) and E Sanchez (Sp) 6-4 6-2 6-4

### TODAY'S RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

P GALBRAITH (US) and A OLHÖVSKIY (Rus) bt A Janyd (Swe) and R Leach (US) 6-3 6-3 6-4 R Bergh (Swe) and S Cannon (US) bt B Hay-garth (SA) and C Van Rensburg (SA) 6-3 3-6 4-6 6-4 6-2

3-6 4-5 6-4 6-2 Mrdi (US) and M Larsson (Swe) bt A Fos-ter and P frand (GB) 4-6 6-3 7-6 7-5 J BJORSWAN and N (KULTI (Swe) bt L. Jensen and M. Jensen (US) 7-6 6-3 6-2 S LAREAU (Can) and A O'Brien (US) bt J De Jager (SA) and B Steven (NZ) 6-4 6-4 6-4

Women's singles

G Fernandez (US) o G Pizzichini (It) 6-2 Frazier (US) bt S H Park (S Kor) 6-4 6-1

be (US) 8-3 6-0

J Wiesner (Aut) bt M Paz (Ang) 6-2 6-3 D Van Roost (Bel) bt Y Kamio (Japan) 6-0 6-0 F Labat (Ang) bt B Schett (Aut) 6-2 2-6 6-2 Gorochategui (Arg) bt | SPIRLEA (Rom) 6-3 2-6 6-4 M McGrath (US) bt A COETZER (SA) 7-62-

VICARIO (Sp) bt M Oremans

bt C Cristea (Rom) and C Schneider (Ger) 6-0 6-4 G FERNANDEZ (US) and N ZVEREVA (Bela) bt P Langrova and H Vildova (Cz Rep) 6-2 6-1

A Fusel (Fr) and K Guse (Aus) bt T Jeomenica Mug) and C Porvik (Ger) 6-3 6-7 6-4 N ARENDT (US) and M BOLLEGRAF (Neth) bt A Cecchini and L Gamone (t) 6-3 7-5 to the Cecchini and L. Garrinte (ii) 57-5 K ADAMS (US) and M DE SWARDT (SA) bt E Callens and L Courtos (Bel) 6-1 6-4 R Hiraki (Japan) and P Hy-Boulais (Can) bt D Krajcovicova and R Zrubakova (Slovak)

Y BASUNG (Indon) and C VIS (Neth) bt J Pulin and L Woodroffe (GB) 6-3 6-0 C MARTINEZ (Sp) and P TARABINI (Arg) bt K Nagatsuke and A Sugjerna (Japan) 7-5 6-3

N BRADTKE and R McQUILLAN (Aus) bt V Lake and S Smith (GB) 6-2 6-3 L RAYMOND (US) and R STUBBS (Aus) bt O Lugne (Ukr) and E Wagner (Gen) 6-4 M McGRATH (US) and L NEILAND (Lat) by H Crook and V Davies (GB) 6-2 6-4

R Dregomir (Rom) and A Grossman (US) bt 5 Meter (Ger) and H Nagrova (Slovaic) 6-4 I Demongest and C Dhenin (Fr) bit L Ghirard-Rubbi (Fr) and S Phitovisk (Fr) 6-3 6-0 M HNGIS (Swit) and H SUKOVA (Cz Reg) bit C Barclay and K Godridge (Aus) 6-1

D Jones (Aug) and T Price (SA) bt N Dehiman (Fin) and C Wood (GB) 6-4 6-4 (Fin) and C Wood (GE) 6-4 6-4 K BOOGERT (Neth) and I SPIRLEA (Rom) bt A Lettiere and C Morteru (US) 7-6 6-1 E SMYLE (Aus) and L WILD (US) bt K Kachwendt (Ger) and F Labat (Arg) 6-2 6-4 i NESL (US) and N TAUZIAT (Fr) bt N Feber d D Van Roost (Bel) 7-8 1-6 6-4

### TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY

2.0 start on Centre Court and Court One; 12.0 on others except where stated CENTRE COURT: P SAMPRAS (US) v M Philippoussis (Aus): C MARTIREZ (Sp) v L Reymond (US); M STICH (Ger) v S Matsucka (Lenen).

(Japan).

NO 1 COURT: M Patchey (GB) v C PIOUNE
(Fit): S GRAF (Gen) v N Baudone (Itt: S ED-BERG (Swe) v M Tilistrom (Swe); B Nagalasn
and M Seles (US) v R Nideffer (SA) and P

COURT THREE: R Violet (GB) v M HINGS (Swit): M Naverra (t) v A Costa (Sp); M Kout-staal (Netty) and Sung Hee Park (S Kor) v S Appelmers (Bel) and M Oremans (Nett); M Petichey and D Sapeford (GB) v K Thome (US) and J Waite (US).

Thome (US) and J Welte (US).

COURT FOUR: J Kroslak (Slovak) v C Wildneson (GB); M PERCE (P) v C Taylor (GB); M Murtc (Croe) and K Studenliava (Slovak) v J Hertherington (Can) and K Rinaldi Stunkel (US); J Behas and C Wildneson (GB) v J Delgado and L Milligan (GB).

COURT FIVE: D Rostagno (US) v R Krajlosk (Neth); N Zvereve (Bele) v P Hy-Botakas (Can); T WOODBRIDGE and M WOOD-FORDE (Aus) v K Kinnear and D Randal (US): P Cash (Aus) and M Pierce (P) v L Pimak (Bel) and K Adams (US).

COURT SDC: A Volkov (Rus) v M Damm (Dz. Rept): E Likhovseus (Rus) v K M Adams (US); M Damm (Dz. Rept) and P Nyhong (Swe) v D Nangso (It) and N Pereira (Nen); C Suk and H Sukova (Dz. Rep) v F Montans (US) and L Pleming (Aus).

(Arg); B Black (Zimb) v K (Aucera (Slovak); A DECHAIME-BALLERET and S TESTUD (P) v E R De Lone (US) and N J Pratt (Aus); S E Davis (US) end P Tarabini (Arg) v G Van Enburgh (US) and I Spiritea (Rom).

COURT MORE No play.

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N Broad (GB) and P Norval (SA) v M (NOMLES (Bahari) and D NESTOR (Can); S Draper (Aus) and E Smylle (Aus) v L Paes (Indon) and K Nagarsua (Japan).

COURT 11: G Pozzi (It) v P Rafter (Aus); L McNell (US) v K P ( US); W Arthurs and A Katamann (Aus) v T CAREDONEL And F ROM (SD); B MacPhile and T S Whittinger-Jones (US) v S Cannon (US) and P Hy-Boulais (Can).

(US) v S Cannon (US) and P Hy-Boulais (Can).
COURT 12: No play.
COURT 13: A Ottrovsky (Rus) v M ROSSET
(Swit); A G Sadot (F) v K DATE (Japan); E FERRSIPA (SA) and I SIEMETRIN (Neith) v T Hanman (RS) and G Mulier (SA); L A DAVE-BRORT
and M J FERNANDEZ (US) v M K Kijimuta and
V Yoshida (Lapan).
COURT 14: L Courtois (Bei) v J NOVOTINA (CZ
Rep); G Rusadald (GE) v B Steven (N2); T
Nampers and T Nijasen (Neith) v J EUTNICH
and P HARRH US (Neith); J NOVOTINA (CZ Rep)
and A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) v A Prazer and
K Po (US).

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**STATISTICS** OF THE DAY 3.500 - the number of geraniums provided for the Wimbledon gardens. 1,400 - the number of catering staff at Wimbledon.

attendants at Wimbledon,

TOUR DE FRANCE: Britain's great hope for the great race starting on Saturday talks to Robin Nicholi

# Boardman ready to do himself justice

ITURDAY 29 JUNE 1996

The red, white and blue flag wrist and ankle fractured after fluttered noisily high in the Alps. "C'mon Chris-s-s," in Brittany. screamed the holder of the Union flag. Words of encouragement that had a hidden menace for the approaching cy-clist in yellow and blue.

It was not the Tour de France, but the Brits had still travelled to shout for Chris Boardman in the Daumhine Libère stage race, one of the Tour's build-up races. "They had come specifically to watch the race, and I was passing them in 15th place and a couple of minutes behind the leader," Boardman said. "I felt like apologising. I really would like to give people what they want.

They want someone to get behind and shout for. It's like the football. I feel that, and it's a frustration if things don't go well. I wanted to do something

That feeling will be as nothing when Boardman sets out on his third Tour on Saturday. The race's pressured atmosphere exposes like nothing else the anxieties of a long-distance bike racer, and Boardman has a big one. To finish. He did not make it through his first two Tours, and his main aim is to arrive in Paris in three weeks' time having survived 3,955 kilometres and 24 mountains.

After electrifying the 1994 Tour by taking the leader's yellow jersey with a debut victory in the opening time trial at Lille, he left on the 11th day in a planned pull-out.

Last year everyone was stunned by an even sharper exit. Minutes into his second Tour the pressure was on and Boardman could not resist. He finished in hospital with his

"It was a very small mistake were fairly drastic," said Boardman who lost 25 per cent of the mobility in his left ankle because of the spill, which put him out for three

"From a first-year profes-sional to a team leader in the Tour the next year, people were just biting off more than I could chew. It's not because

The Tour de France has received threats from the Basque sepa-ratist group, ETA, regarding the section of the race that goes through Basque country, around the Pyrenees. The Tour director, Jean-Marie Le Blanc, confirmed that he had received a letter from ETA last week contai what he called "veiled threats," but declined further commer

I am the best man for the role. There is no one else. I am a team leader who has never finished a Tour.

"I wanted these things so I allowed myself to be pushed into these positions, and I did not have the attributes needed to do them. I was not comfortable with the role I had been given, so it was good to stop and take stock.
There was a lot of pressure

to do something in the pro-logue time trial. It wasn't nasty or malicious but for the 1995 prologue a lot of people were under pressure. It was coming out as encouragement. They were saying 'it's still possible it's still possible'.

"When I am in a wound-up situation I want to do something, and they are shouting you are only two seconds down and the corners are finished. It's still on'.

"If someone was shouting 'take it easy ... wait until the bottom', maybe I would not listen. It was my decision, but in that situation it doesn't need much encouragement when I want-

When I am not feeling so good, team helpers are saying I am sure you will be fine, and I am thinking 'I don't want to hear this'. They don't realise that they are doing it."

To avoid the "emotional

rollercoaster" Boardman is looking for another prologue success. "It would take off the pressure and is also a certain. mount of insurance which allows me to get on with the

"I am slightly better at dealing with pressure now, and there has been a lot less this year because the team has had more results, and others have had their share of pressure."

A new burden was loaded on his French team, GAN, with the scandal about the team doctor, Patrick Nedelec, prescribing steroids to two of their riders who were subsequently

caught in a drug test.
Our manager, Roger Leg-eay, was totally destroyed because he picked a doctor who worked with the French cycling federation and the Union Cy cliste Internationale [the world governing body].

"Philippe Gaumont is only 23, and that guy could finish his career. It was not caffeine or testosterone where the point could be argued that you were making mistakes. This was clearly that they were taking something that was cheating.



Chris Boardman: 'I really would like to give people what they want'

it was therapeutic and given out of season. He has said that he should not have prescribed illegal substances but they were given it because of the state they were in at the time.

"I was gobsmacked. From a selfish point I thought if I was a million miles away from it, it would still stick. Yet most of the ing at least 10 times this year.

"There is nothing we can do about it, but everyone is tarred with the same brush. If I was looking at it from the outside I would probably say: 'So that's

why they are riding well'."
With that hanging over them
the team assemble in the Dutch town of 's-Hertogenbosch with Boardman fully aware of the job ahead, having personally surveyed the Alps.

"Climbing the Galibier

**Gosling rivals** 

**American** 

for world title

An Anglo-American showdown

for the Etchells 22 World

Championship is in prospect for

the last race in the Solent today,

Corral are Britain's Nigel

second place yesterday put him

into the overall lead, and the

American Jud Smith. Smith, a

runner-up at Newport Beach in

1994 who had led the series un-

til vesterday's fifth race, came

back from 21st at the first turn-

ing mark to finish seventh and is

four points adrift. They are clear

of the Australian Peter Conde in

Both Loick Peyron, the de-

fending champion, and his close

rival, Paul Vatine, were expect-

ed to finish the Europe 1 Sin-

Squaring up at the Squadron

writes Stuart Alexander.

hours, and there are another two climbs after that. Physically and mentally, the hardest day is into Pamplona, 260 kilometres and five climbs. It is, however, Stage 16, and the end is in sight. That makes a

mountain is going to take two

Boardman's idea of "an acceptable Tour" would be victory in the prologue time trial, one good day in the mountains

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY

reports from Aachen

tions Cup Show.

Grannusch.

Ludger Beerbaum had no need

to hurry yesterday, when he cruised round the jump-off

course to win the Preis von Eu-

ropa with Sprehe Ratina on the

The German Olympic cham-

second day of the Aachen Na-

pion was last to go in the jump-

off and he had already seen

John Whitaker make a single er-

ror on the final double when

recording a record time on

would have tried to beat his

time," Beerbaum said. "I don't

think there's a faster horse in the

world than Ratina, but we might

have had a fence down trying to

be quicker." As it was, he had

only two slow clear rounds to

beat and (though 6.39sec slow-

er than Whitaker) he gained an

easy victory over Jos Lansink on

Visa Carthago and Jerry Smit

ers: 34 31 27 28 16 4.

Rugby Union

"If John had been clear, I

Beerbaum's safe

route to success

Photograph: Allsport "when I am with the leading group", and then finishing in the top 20 on the Champs Elysées.

"I know that on my day I can be the best time trialist in the world or the best track pursuiter. But as far as a race like the Tour is concerned I am not sure. There are so many good riders now the competition is ferocious, and the difference between the best and the also-rans is frighteningly subtle."

Briton in the jump-off, was

sixth on Tees Hanauer. Michael Whitaker and Mid-

night Madness, convincing win-

ners here on Tuesday, retired

during the first round yesterday.

The horse was paying more at-

tention to the crowds than the

fences and Whitaker turned

a better approach. He cleared

all three parts of the obstacle

Ratina will be Beerbaum's

but retired shortly afterwards.

mount at the Olympics, for

which she has been given easy

preparation. This was only her

third outdoor show of the year.

like a German dressage horse.

so you have to play along with herl," Beerbaum said. "And

trates on clearing fences.

"She does not like to work

### Monty is content to stay at home

Golf

Colin Montgomerie's failure to win the US Open earlier this month will not persuade him pack his bags and join Nick Faldo in America. "Number one in my life is not

golf," the Scot said yesterday on the eve of the French Open in Paris, "In fact, it's not even second or third. If I was a bachelor or newly married, I think I would have gone to the States full time by now. But my family come first, then it's relaxing and heing at home.

"There will be no change in my schedule next season. I'm planning to play 20 tourna-ments in Europe again and only eight to 10 in America.

"If waiting for a major real-by started to bother me, I would

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consider joining their tour. But I've not reached that stage, and to uproot my family would put me under so much pressure Montgomerie was one off the lead in Detroit with six to play,

but he double-bogeyed the short 13th and eventually dropped to 10th. "I gave everything I had at Oakland Hills and I was men-

tally whacked by the finish," he said. "I hit most fairways and most greens again, and I feel that one of these times my green work will be up to that level and I will win. I feel that it will happen and it's just a mat-

ter of being patient.

Seve Ballesteros goes into tournament having fallen out of the world's top 50 for the first time since the ranking system began 10 years ago. However, Ballesteros, who did not qualify for the US Open a fortnight ago and has not had a top 10 finish since his 54th European tour victory at the Spanish Open in May last year, remains sanguine about his future. The 39-year-old, world No 1

seven years ago, spoke about the possibility of picking himself for next year's Ryder Cup at Valderrama. Ón being appointed Europe's captain earlier this year, Ballesteros insisted on a new rule which allows him to drop out of the side even if he qualifies. That still applies, but equally he says that if he does not qualify he could hand himself a wild card.

"My decision will be based not on results, but on a feeling," he said. "I will not play if I feel him away from the treble to get | I am not going to make a good contribution, but if I think I can I will pick myself. "

Ballesteros, who won the first of his four French titles in 1977, has not appeared in the championship since it moved to Le Golf National five years ago. The course has also attracted Bernhard Langer for the first time and 11 members of last year's Ryder Cup side are taking part. The only absentee is Faldo.

she doesn't like you to have 100 The event is part of the runper cent control or she fights in to the Open championship at against you." Thanks to his Royal Lytham in three weeks' sensitivity, she simply concentime. That is a week to which Ballesteros is looking forward. He won his first major at course in 1979 and triumphed there again eight years ago, thanks to a closing 65.

Traces on clearing rences.

Addien Mations CUP showe Profe von Europe: 1 Sprohe Rotina (L Beerbaum, Ger) clear, 50.72secs; 2 Visa Caribago () Lanshik, Nemo clear, 66.13; 3 Constampin () Smd, fi) clear, 68.40. British positions: 4 Grannusch () Whitaker 4 Euris, 54.33; 6 Tees Hanauer (R Smith) 4 fauts, 57.96.

Veger Prize: 1.Blue Bayu (P Charles, Iri) 59.23secs; 2 My (3rl II) Millar, Caru 52.75; 3 Johy Boy () Whitaker, (B) 63.36. "There are always places where you can see yourself scoring better than others and that's one of them. It's a fantastic course and I just hope that my game is good when I get there.

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Manjrekar returns with century

Cricket

Ireland 80

Sanjay Manjrekar returned to action with a century for the Indian tourists against British Universities at Fenner's yesterday. Playing for the first time since damaging an ankle in the first Test against England, he made 101 in 138 balls as India scored 391 for 5.

cricket field again and although the ankle is still weak, from now on it is a mental thing," said Manjrekar, who is expected to replace Ajay Jadeja in the third

Sussex win by 304 runs

runs, completing their Nat West

Sussex added 61 in their re-

maining five overs to compile their highest total in the com-

petition. They then dismissed

BELFAST: Succes boot treland by 304 runs.

Patt 1-95, 2-151, 3-219, 4-243, 5-297, 6-307, 7-311, 8-353, 9-359.

SUSSEX
(Overlight: 323 for 7 from 55 overs)
1 D K Selksbury c sub b Eagleson,
V C Drakes not out.
P W Jerks c A Patterson b Heasley ....

E S H Giddins not out

Edwas (b7, w13, rb10)

Total (for 9, 60 overs)

J D R Benson c Greenfield b Jayls . K W McCallen flow b Drakes A Paterson flow b Janes A R Dunlop b Janes D M P Moore b Gliddins

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A T Rutherford b Glodins
G D Harrison e Lavie b Salisbury ...
R L Eagleson not out
M W Patterson c Sub b Lew
P McCrum e Moores b Glodins
Extrae (0.2, 152, 4%, nb.10)
Total (33.3 overs)

Fall: 1-0, 2-14, 3-16, 4-26, 5-38, 6-39, 7-49, 6-56, 9-72.

Umpires: N T Plews and J W Lloyds.

Limited overs match
(A)
Ireland v Sussex

Trophy first-round victory in

Belfast before a late lunch.

Test at Trent Bridge next week.
However, Jadeja may have
complicated matters for the

Kent in the last round of matches, will have to improve against Indian selectors by scoring an unbeaten 95 from 108 balls.

The most spectacular batting of the day came from tour captain Mohammad Azharuddin. who cracked three huge sixes and seven fours in his 73. There was also a half-century for Vikram Rathore.

Ireland for 80 in 33.3 overs.

er with 17 while Paul Jarvis and

Ed Giddins each took three

wickets. Ireland's misery start-

ed as early as the second ball of

their innings when the captain,

Justin Benson, who played in the

1992 final for Leicestershire, was

caught at slip without scoring.

spell, added the wickets of Andy

Patterson and Angus Dunlop in

Jarvis, in a hostile opening

Kyle McCallen was top scor-

The Yorkshire captain, David will rekindle their County Championship hopes against game this week.
Worcestershire at New Road to"Although we a

a Midlands side who, although third bottom, have hit their best form of the season. "After losing to Leicestershire

play well, it is very important to get back to winning ways if we are to stay in touch with the leaders," said Byas, whose side now has an opportunity to climb Byas, is determined that his side back to the top of the table, because leaders Kent have no

ished with 3 for 22.

being repeated.

day. But he knows that his ond we have played a match against Middlesex at Lord's.

When McCallen was leg be-

fore to Vasbert Drakes in the

12th over, Ireland's débacle at

Hove in 1985, when they were

shot out for 39, looked like

they past that target, but it needed a ninth-wicket stand of

16 between the opening

British women

Natalia Dorado, Spain's captain

scored with three well-struck

penalty corners to send Great Britain tumbling to a 3-1 defeat

in Madrid yesterday - their worst defeat at the hands of the

Olympic champions since they

lost 5-1 in Santander in 1988 just

prior to departure to the Seoul Olympics, writes Bill Colwill.

It was a disappointing result

for their coach, Sue Slocombe,

as the team completed their ex-

tended preparation programme of international matches prior

to departure a week today to

North Carolina for acclimati-

sation before moving to Atlanta.

Spanish into their own half for

long periods without looking like

scoring and it was not until the

67th minute that they won their

only penalty corner, which Scot-

gerous on the break and even

more dangerous at set-pieces,

their six penalty corners.

Spain, fielding eight Olympic gold medallists, looked dan-

land's Sue Fraser converted.

Yesterday Britain pinned the

Two more wickets fell before

we must pick up points now."

He is helped by the fact that the home side are without their reliable seamer Phil Newport. who has a calf strain. The young-ster Scott Ellis is in line for a deat Bradford where we did not but. But the Worcestershire coach, David Houghton, remains optimistic: "We bave worked hard to get into a winning role and it's important

more than most of our rivals so

### Warwickshire are awaiting a fitness report on the England opener Nick Knight before fi-"Although we are placed sec-nalising their squad for the game

### Jarvis and Giddins lead rout of Ireland the space of four balls to reduce Mark Patterson, to take Ireland Ireland to 15 for 3, and he fin-

past their next lowest total of 71. Giddins ended the partnership and, when Danny Law finished the innings in his second over, Eagleson was 15 not out. At the start of the day, lan

Salisbury made 33, his highest score in the competition, and Derek Heasley took the wicket of Jarvis for two to finish with 4 for 66. Drakes was 30 not out.

### glehanded Transatlantic Race from Plymouth to Newport, Rhode Island, inside the record time last night. Italy's Giovanni Soldini leads

third place.

the monohulls, with the Frenchman Gerry Roufs second and Britain's Pete Goss third.

### on Constantijn. Whitaker finished fourth and Robert Smith, the only other

### SPORTING DIGEST

### New Zealand fast bowler, who is re-

# New Zealand tast bowler, who is re-turning home to try to cure a long-stand-ing back injury. Nash has yet to play this season and is thing back to New Zealand on medical advice for a long period of rest. The 24-year-old from Auddand first carne to prominence on the 1994 New Zealand tour, when he was leading wicket-taker in the three-manth fort series with 17 and he was

England A have no "Test" series on their 10-match tour of Australia this autumn. They begin with a four-day game against New South Wales' second

NGLAND A TOUR OF AUSTRALIA IT

EAJECTUL BELLEVIEW LAND ROVER FEI WORLD THREE-DAY EVENT RANGINGS: 1 M Todd (NZ) 340pts; 2 A Nicholson (NZ) 273; 3 B Tait (NZ) 245; 4 M Ryen (Aus) 193; 5 I Slank (GB) 148; 6 L Law (GB) 142.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVI-SION OPENING-DAY FOTURES: Saturday 10 August: Abgriden v Calor; Dundea Urd v Morhamet; Durfermine v Hearts: Nibern-tan v Kilmamodic Rangers v Raith Rovers.

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Chris Manchester, the overseas champion, has been stripped of his title and is one of 1.3 riders thrown out of this year's World Championship. The rebeis have no right of appeal against the decision by the sport's world governing body, the FIM, which follows their strike action earlier this month. Joining Belle Yue's Manchester will be Jason Lyons and Charles Venegas from the same club, as well as Carl Stonehewer (Long Eaton), Tony Langdon (Poole), Mike Faira (Scottish Monarchs), David Noms (Eastbourne), Ray Monton (Hull), Ben Howe (Ipswirch), Simon Cross (Coventry), David Walsh (Middlesbrough) and two unattached players, Mick Poole and Bobby Hedden. Only three nders will now go through from the cancelled Overseas final to the Inter-Continential final at Holsted in Denmark on Sunday 28 July. Stmon Birns, the England Under-21 fly-half who files to the Students World Cup in South Africa with England on Satur-day, has rejected a contract from Moseley and is expected to join Sec-ond Division rivals Rotherham.

Nick Bolletteri, the American coach who helped steer Bons Becker and Monica Seles to the top of world tenners, is aid the search for a British chempion. Two of Bolletteri's senior directors have established an international training cen-tre at Millfield School in Someret. Their aim is to attract students from all over Europe and four scholarships will be nis Academy in Florida.

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FENGER'S: India have scored 291 for 5 in their first lunings y Stitish Universities. 

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### Athletics **Dorado spells** disaster for

Bulgaria's world indoor 400 metres bronze medalist, Daniela Georgieva, was yestantiey banned for four years after testing positive for an anabolic steroid at an Indoor meeting in Budapest on Baseball

Tommy Lasorda, the Los Angeles Dodges manager and the longest-serving manager in Major League Baseball, is in hospital undergoing tests for ab-dominal pains. Lasorda has led the Na-

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Ancester are going to rest Mike Atherton for the County Championship game against Somerset at Old Trafford today. They are concerned about Atherton's workload as England captain and coact. There will also be fitness tests for bean Golfon freely in the and India.

Middlesex have released Dion Nash, the

match Test series with 17, and he was signed by Middlesex for last season. He took 51 championship wokets in 1995 at an average of 27.21.

team on 31 October and generally play State sides before arriving frome on 15 December.

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Football

Hugh Lambert, the Rugby Football Union president, has enticised the Twickenham hierarchy for their running

of the new, open game. Speaking at the county's annual meeting, he said the RFU's recent exclusive television deal with Sky had brought "no credit to our game". He explained: "The RFU have signed a contract which condenties the exert mayority of their su montres to exert. vast majority of their supporters to sec-ond-hand viewing and put the Five Na-tions in jeopardy." The recently installed Lambert also claimed that the RFU had made mistakes at club level, such as the relegation of his old side, Baildon. Bath are reportedly close to signing the New Zealanders Henry Paul and Valaiga ilulearmate from Wissan rugby teague club. Jonah Lorru will be back in the New Zealand team for the Bledisloe Cup Test against Australia in Wellingson on 6 July. The return of Lorru, who injured a knee in the first Test against Scotland 11 days ago, is the only change to the side that beat the Scots 36-12 in the second Test in Auckland last weekend.

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he total in pounds that the Royal Bank of Scotland has given to employees who compete for their country. Since the scheme started in January, 10 staff members have received training grants up to £1,000.

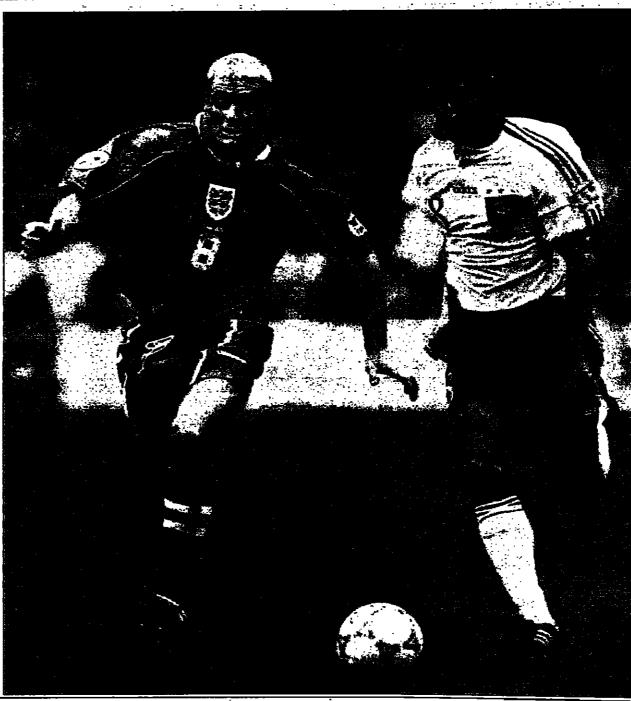
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of drama (clockwise from top): Alan Shearer is quickest to the ball from ingland's first corner of the the striker's header beatin; the German goalkeeper, Andreas Köpke: his eyes on the ball as Paul Gascoigne closes on his Stefan Kuntz wheels away after scoring in the 16th minute to level the match, leaving Steve McManama a troubled spectator Photographs: Empics

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# France are sent home by Kadlec

reports from Old Trafford

Gzech Republic win 6-5 on oenalties after extra time

Football's coming home, they say, and so are France. After a semifinal largely bereft of incident, let alone goals or guile, the Czech Republic advanced dramatically to Sunday's final at Wembley then their sweeper and cantain. Miroslav Kadlec, dispatched the 12th kick of a penalty shoot-out beyond Bernard Lama.

Kadlec had emerged somehat sheepishly from a huddle of red-shirted players after his goalkeeper, Petr Kouba, spoilt sequence of 10 successful spot-kicks by keeping out Reynald Pedros' drive with his legs. His nerveless shot set off wild celebrations among the 500 Czech supporters and ensured a night of partying in Prague.

The standard of free kicks at

Euro 96 may have been dismal. but with the exception of Gary McAllister and Clarence Seedorf, the penalties have been sweetly struck and cunningly placed. Kadlec was not about to

Yet the Czechs arrived in England as 66-1 outsiders, with only Scotland and Turkey below them in the betting. Now, having been Italy's assassins in the so-called group of death, and

France, they are within one more giant-killing of emulating Denmark's unexpected triumph four years ago.

Amid all the talk of 1966 re-

sited, the fact that the Czechs have an anniversary of their own from which to draw inspiration was overlooked. In 1976, the former Czechoslovakia beat West Germany in the final, also on penalties. For the weary-looking French, who had harboured hopes of repeating their own success of 12 years ago, visiting Eric Cantona's theatre of dreams brought only a nightmare.

They could have few com-

two countries to a standstill, and all too often it seemed both teams were downing tools in solidarity. For whatever reason tiredness, or tension, or perhaps a combination of the two - both sides appeared content with the soporific stalemate. The Czechs had some excuse. Suspension deprived Dusan

plaints. The match had brought

Uhrin of four first-choice players, who will all be available for the final, while a fifth, Patrik Berger, started on the bench after illness. France, who lost Didier Deschamps to a calf injury, switched Marcel Desailly out of defence to cover and initially used Youri Djorkaeff as an orthodox striker.

Although Aimé Jacquet's men were more positive, and had more of the game territorially, that seldom equated with entertainment. Lama did not finished off Portugal and make a save until the 54th

FRANCE (4-4-2: Lama Paris St. German); Teorem (Moncon), Bis Pens St. German), Lizarago (Bordeani); Lamonethi (Augere), Z Peris St. German), Librarian (Storleaux), Librarian (Lotro), Peris St. German), Peris St. German), Discher (Bortisaux), Discher (Britisaux), De dally (Milan), Gerinin (Peris St. German); Discher (Lotro) (briti Peris St. German); St. German); Olorica (P. Lotro) (briti Peris St. German); St. St. Angsona (Britis) for Thuran; 23.

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Party time: Czech Republic players celebrate after yesterday's shoot-out win over France

minute; Kouba was not properly tested until four minutes into extra time. Forty minutes had passed before a shot by Desailly stirred the crowd from their stupor. Only 20 seconds of the first half remained when France won the first corner. Indeed, for much of the opening period in-terest centred - by default - on the referee's performance.

Les Mottram was that rare pecies, a Scotsman involved in the later stages of a major tournament. Despite cautioning Lilian Thuram after what looked an accidental clash of heads with Vladimir Smicer, the Lanark-shire science teacher exuded a

calm authority. Smicer did not reappear after half time, which may have perturbed the lady he was due to marry in Prague tomorrow, but had the effect of bringing Berger into the fray. His first act was to ghost between Desailly and Thuram, a sign that at

least one Czech was not playing for penalties. There followed a 10-minute spell of tit-for-tat efforts on target, out of keep-ing with what had gone before. No one came closer than Djorkaeff, whose drive smacked the crossbar in the 61st minute.

Following the departure of their lone striker, Radek Drulak, the Czechs massed behind the ball. Paradoxically, with Berger and Karel Poborsky running at France from deep positions, it hardly mattered, and they had the better of extra time until the final, tantalising moments.

With two minutes to play, Laurent Blanc poked wide from Djorkaeff's free-kick when unmarked five yards out. Almost immediately, Pedros fell under Martin Kotulek's challenge, but Mr Mottram was perfectly placed to make the correct decision. For poor Pedros, there

## Sousa for Chelsea

Paulo Sousa could be joining Fernando Couto, his *Éuro 96* Portuguese team-mate in Britain next season. Paulo Sousa, the Juventus playmaker, is reportedly a £5m target for Chelsea, while Fernando Couto, the £4m-rated central defender, is close to sealing a

move from Parma to Rangers. Juventus officials are due in London today to discuss the transfer of the 25-year-old Paulo Sousa, who is a close friend of Gianluca Vialli -Rund Gullit's first major signing for Chelsea. Paulo Sousa's place at Juventus is under threat from the arrival of Zinedine Zidane from Bordeaux.

Fernando Couto - an influential figure in Portugal's run to the quarter-finals - has been interesting Manchester United,

but Parma vesterday declared that the 26-year-old hard man

is close to sealing a move to Scotland. "The transfer of Couto to Glasgow Rangers is almost completed," Riccardo Sogliano, the Parma coach said. Sogliano also announced Parma's double signing of the midfield duo Rivaldo and Amaral from the Brazilian club,

Palmeiras. Parma have paid £6m for the 23-year-old Amaral and £2.5m for Rivaldo. Everton are considering Fenerbahçe's offer for Daniel Amokachi, which is reportedly well below the £1.6m asking price for the 23-year-old Niger-

នា striker. Wimbledon have signed Duncan Jupp, Fulham's Scottish Under-21 international full-

## euro-spy

### Czechs furious at ticket sales farce

The large number of empty seats at Old Trafford for yesterday's semi-final between the Czech Republic and France was, it has to be hoped, an embarrassment to the organisers of Euro 96.

The somewhat optimistic official attendance was 43,877, more than 10,000 less than capacity, but the real crowd was much, much lower, according to observers at the ground. At least tickets were on sale in Manchester on the day of the game - but not, it seems, at a price low enough to attract too many neutrals.

The Czechs were unhappy, too, about the ticket sales policy - for the quarter-final as well as the semi-final. Pans

### **Croats going** back with odd souvenirs

Among the souvenirs taken home by Croatia's fans after their quarter-final defeat by Germany at Old Trafford last weekend were some Blackburu Rovers shirts.

The reason for this unusual choice of attire was a practical one. After struggling to the bars of Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield, where their heroes played their games, they hit upon an inspired plan.

Donning the famous blue and white halved shirts, they strolled with renewed confidence to the bar and simply pointed to their chests. Several pints of McEwans lager duly

who travelled to Birmingham for the last-four game against Portugal on Sunday claimed they had been charged an in-flated price of £75 for match tickets sold in the Czech Republic by the official agency. Sport Tourist. Unless they bought tickets in their own country, they said, they would have faced problems with immigration officials and risked not being allowed to travel. Frantisck Chyalovsky, the

Czech football association president, said; 'I'm very dis-appointed by this. We think the organisers are not too happy with the fact that the Czech Republic have ad-vanced. We are, it seems, a negative attraction.

### Fans from the East are the big spenders

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Eastern European fans were perhaps surprisingly, the biggest spenders in the first two weeks of Euro 96, swop-ping millions of US dollars for British pounds at foreign exchange bureaux.

"Russians and Czechs were joined by Croats, Romanians and Bulgarians at the top of the generosity league, cashing an estimated £1.5m," according to the travel agents. Thomas Cook. They explained that eastern Europeans tended to travel with dollars, and dollar-to-pound business had jumped sharply since the fans had arrived in England. Bulgarians and Romanians had spent twice that of French and Spanish fans in Leeds.

### FOOTBALL: THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

"On est malade comme un perroquet."

which is French for: "We're as sick as

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 The fastest driver in race-day warmup will collect six points, with five for the second and so on down to one point for the sixth quickest. Drivers score one point for each

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penalty, you lose five points. If your driver starts on pole-position. you gain five points.

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Monica Seles suffers surprise defeat

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England's electric start: David Platt (No 7) watches in delight as Alan Shearer (No 9) turns away triumphantly after heading the host nation into a third-minute lead at Wembley last night

drove first time for goal. But barring the

vay was Reuter who cleared off the line. Two revived strikers, Shearer and

Kuntz, both out ambitious efforts over the bar as the game swung this way and

that. As the interval approached it

nearly swung indigo blue as Anderton, having his best game of the tournament.

crossed again and Shearer powered a

header within a foot of the far post.

As the second half began unfolding Venables, a renowned interval tacti-

cian, appeared to have done the better

job. There were no major changes but

there did appear a greater emphasis on releasing McManaman. Within a minute

he had an impact as Reuter checked him and received the first yellow card. The

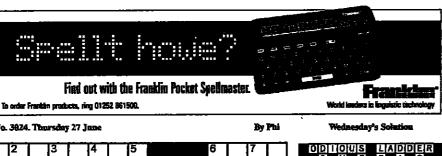
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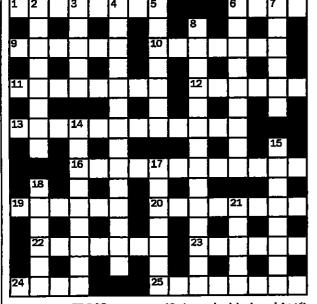
to Reuter who knew, having been booked a earlier in the tournament, that he would

miss the final if Germany progressed.

There were no tears, but some uncer-

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# Köpke save breaks



don but Germany again triumphed. The first 10 penalties were successful, but Gareth Southgate missed and Andy

Möller did not. If it was an unsatisfactory way to end the match, what had preceded it was arguably the most exciting football of the tournament. England had been given the perfect start when Alan Shearer headed in a well worked corner after two minutes. As ever, Germany refused to be bowed and they levelled after 16 min-

utes, Stefan Kuntz scoring his first goal for nearly two years. Both managers had sought every advantage, putting up smokescreens and feeding the media red herrings. When

they finally handed in their teams there was both surprise and confirmation. As expected, Jürgen Klinsmann was not fit, while Venables had not included Phil Neville, opting for the greater experience of David Platt and a three-man defence.

Terry Venables' decision risked exposing the right flank to Christian Ziege's attacking sorties but it seemed justified when the German side was re-leased. Berti Vogts had chosen to flood the midfield, playing Steffen Freund instead of Oliver Bierhoff.

That meant England would have to watch for Andy Möller breaking through the centre as well Ziege and Stefan Reuter on the flanks. Platt and Paul Ince were in for a busy evening. Indeed, with-in the first minute Germany had sought to find Ziege on the attack but Darren Anderton, who appeared to have swapped flanks with Steve McManaman

to deal with the threat, dealt with it. England, roared on by a passionate crowd - which had whistled but not booed the German national anthem -responded. Stuart Pearce crossed deep from the left, Ziege headed out, and Ince fiercely volleyed from 25 yards, forcing Glenn Moore reports from Wembley

Andreas Kopke to punch the ball over. Less than three minutes had been played as Paul Gascoigne jogged over to take the resulting corner. As he did

so Shearer went to stand behind Teddy Sheringham, Markus Babbel was left marking both. As the corner dipped over Ziege to Tony Adams, Shearer, then 13 yards out, began his move. Adams' flick-on carried the ball over Matthias Sammer and, arriving unchallenged four yards from goal, was Shearer.

um - apart from one red, black and yellow segment - exploded with joy. "Three Lions" rang out and England charged into their opponents. A sterner referee might have booked Gascoigne as he clattered into Matthias Sammer - and Sheringham, who risked his second yellow card of the tournament with strong dissent.

Sandor Puhl, however, understood the nature of the occasion and made allowances. Bayern Munich's Mehmet Scholl, renewing Uefa Cup rivalry with Stuart Pearce, was similarly forgiven. The game then stepped up another Att: 75,862

gear as Germany equalised. Möller, un-der pressure from Gascoigne on the edge of the England area, squeezed a reverse pass to Thomas Helmer on the left flank. As Gareth Southgate appealed for offside the big centre-half turned sweet-ly and drove the ball across goal. First to react was Kuntz, sliding in ahead of Pearce at the far post to score.

It was his first goal since 7 September 1994, the same day Shearer's infamous drought had started. This was Kuntz's 16th game since and his delight was evident.

The goal stunned England, momentarily knocking the belief from them. Germany were able to stroll through midfield, forcing England to chase them. Eventually they reasserted themselves and Anderton began to make

Ziege defend rather than vice-versa. He sent in a deep cross with which Shearer could not make proper contact. then he fed Shearer on the wing only for the subsequent cross to go into an empty penalty area. Pressure brought another corner and, almost, another goal. In a move familiar to White Hart Lane

tainty as McManaman again ran at him.

The winger went by with ease but failed to stretch Kopke with the cross. Ince. dri-

ving forward, shot over but despite England's ascendancy, Germany could have gone ahead just before the hour.

The chance illustrated their verbatility. Dieter Eilts, the defensive midfielder, broke to the left byline and Helmer, the centre-half, arrived late to meet his pullback. However, he shot like a defend-

er, spooning his effort over. It proved a brief German sally as Gascoigne reprised his form of Italia '90 to weave and battle his way past three German defenders before producing a dangerous cross from the byline.
Unfortunately for England the out-

standing Eilts was there to clear. As the tension increased Möller was booked - ruling him out of a possible final - for pretending Pearce had hit him.

In extra time Anderton hit the post. Kuntz had a goal disallowed for pushing and Gascoigne was inches from touching home a Shearer cross. Then came the dramatic final act.

# **England hearts**

## **England** (1) ....... **1 Germany** (1)

The rest was inevitable and the stadi-

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